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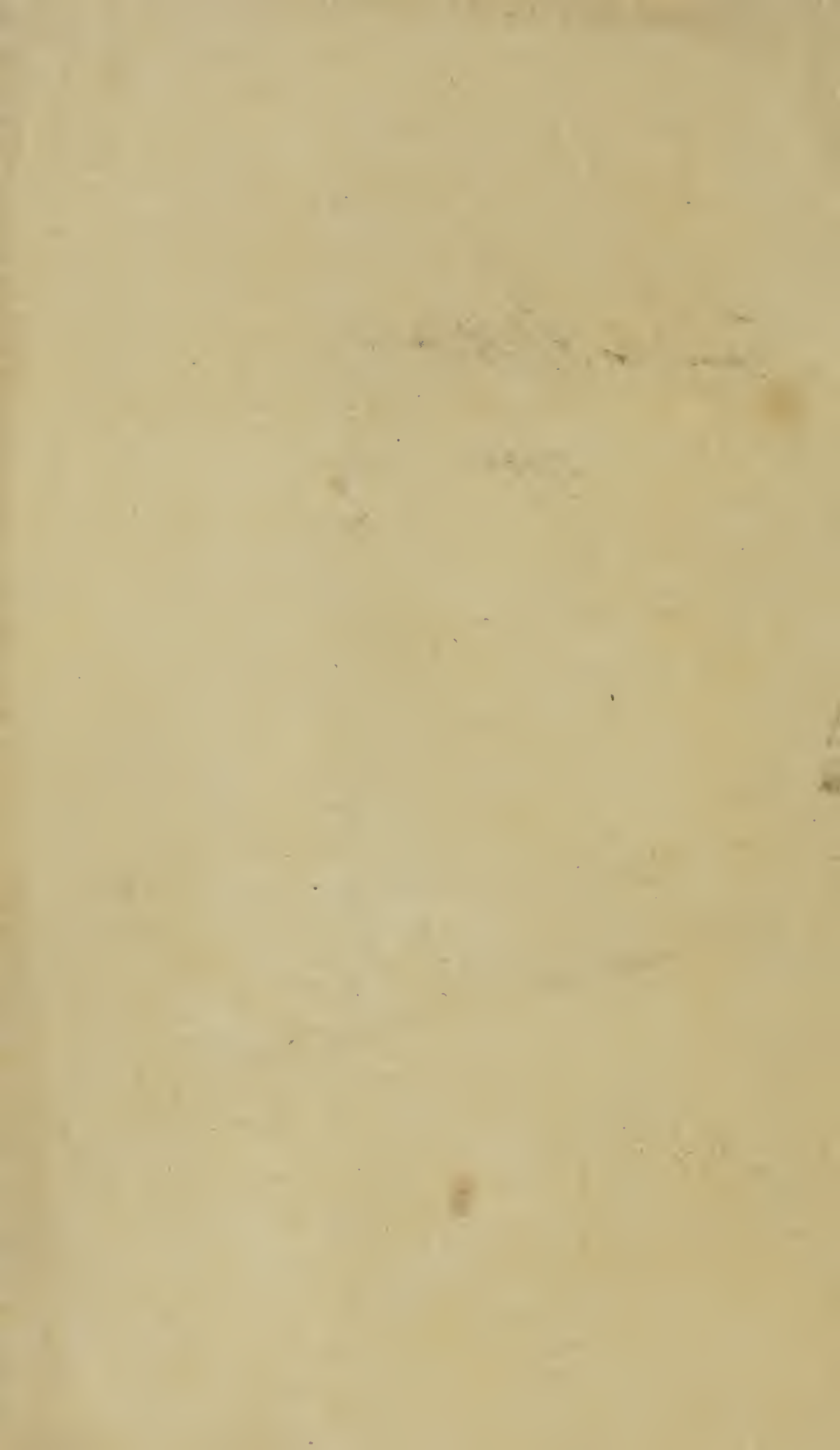


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1791 —



CATALOGUE

OF

FIVE HUNDRED

CELEBRATED AUTHORS

OF

GREAT BRITAIN,

NOW *LIVING;*

THE WHOLE ARRANGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER; AND
INCLUDING A COMPLETE LIST OF THEIR PUBLICA-
TIONS, WITH OCCASIONAL STRICTURES, AND ANEC-
DOTES OF THEIR LIVES.

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P R E F A C E.

THE world is here presented with a volume, so new in its design, that, if, like certain authors, we were to indulge to the whispers of vanity, we might consider ourselves as the inventors of a new science, and boldly rank with the Aristotles, the Lockes, and the Newtons of literature. We might tell, what has been told an hundred times before, the story of Columbus's egg, and generously inform our readers, that no discovery, however inestimable, appears difficult, after it has been made. But we are not willing, for our own sakes, to over-rate the merit we possess. It will be of little service to us with a discerning public; and it will be of material injury to us as individuals, by checking in us the ardour of pursuit,
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and leading us to be too easily satisfied with the first efforts of performance. We therefore assume no other praise, than that of a lucky hit; than that we were led by a propitious destiny to a theme, which, if it had occurred before, would long since have been made the prey of fifty hungry scribblers.

We believe, and we hope our readers will thank us for the intelligence, that the world is continually growing wiser. There was a time, when nobody would read a book that had not been written half a century; and when, while antiquity shaded with her laurels the urns of authors already crumbled into dust, an Otway was suffered to starve upon a bulk, and Dryden could hardly find a grave. The world is now better disposed to do justice to living merit. Some of the great geniuses of the present day are revenged before hand, by the idolatry of their contemporaries, for the neglect they will experience from posterity; and
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many, whose pretensions are better founded, find even the cravings of their vanity satisfied by the universal applause which they receive.

It is an old observation, that we are no sooner interested by the writings of an author, than our curiosity is awakened for his history, his fortune, and his character. Upon this foundation a Moreri and a Bayle, the compilers of the General Dictionary and the Biographia Britannica, constructed their bulky folios; and it is hard indeed, if the author of a petty octavo cannot find room for his box in the midst of their Gothic palaces. An Englishman for instance, is happy to read the biography of Stephen Langton, and Thomas a Becket; but surely the curiosity of the candid will be more strongly aroused by the incidents, which respect a Sheridan and a Burke, a Watson and a Hurd. We will therefore yield the prize, at least in point of magnitude,

nitude, to the memorialists of the dead; but in point of utility we apprehend we may vie with them.

The reader must not expect to find the present performance a finished work. That was never yet the case with any first attempt of the lexicographical kind, though it were confined to one science, or were a mere dictionary of language. In the present case we have laboured under peculiar difficulties. There were few books that could assist us, and few materials to which we could recur, except those, which were furnished by literary acquaintance and industrious observation. No man thoroughly knows the extent of his own memory. We have recollected more facts, as we talked ourselves more strictly; and others are undoubtedly scattered among those half obliterated traces, which all our efforts have not been sufficient to revive. Some things we have suppressed from delicacy; and some will doubtless

less be recollected by men of literature, which are unknown to us; because every man's circle of acquaintance and theatre of observation differ more or less from that of his neighbour. Few individuals, we believe, would have been able by their single effort to have brought together so great a quantity of materials. The true judge will acknowledge the difficulty of our undertaking, and the variety and truth of our information; while the hypercritic will lay his finger on our faults and omissions. To those faults no man can be more conscious than ourselves, because no man can reasonably be supposed, to have thought upon our general subject with constant attention, for so long a time.

Desirous of gratifying the inquisitiveness of the curious, so far as to gratify it was innocent and practicable, we have not made our Catalogue the vehicle of scandal; for we were willing, as much as possible, to avoid
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giving pain to the most insignificant individual. We have told little, where little was known, and where the subject of the article was unpretending and obscure. But the man of retirement, and he, whose means of information have been few, will receive ample entertainment from our performance. It is for their use principally that we have written.

We have only to add, that the future editions of this work will be carefully brought down to the period, when they shall appear; and that the information of any author respecting his publications and his history, addressed to us at Mr. Faulder's, will be gratefully received, and, as far as possible, fully employed.

ABERCROMBIE

CATALOGUE

OF

LIVING AUTHORS.

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ABERCROMBIE, John. This gentleman has written two or three pieces upon the subject of gardening, which have received the applause of those whom they concern.

ABINGDON, earl of. See BERTIE.

ADAM, Robert and James. These brothers have become known for their successful application to the science of architecture, their invention of a particular species of stucco, and their laying out and constructing certain buildings in London by the side of the Thames, known by the appellation

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lation of the Adelphi. They have published the Ruins of the Emperor Diocletian's Palace at Spalatro in folio; and four volumes of Works in Architecture in folio; together with a pamphlet in defence of their new-invented stucco.

ADAM, Alexander: L. L. D. rector of the High School at Edinburgh. Author of a Summary of Geography and History in one volume duodecimo.

ADAMS, honourable John: ambassador from the congress of the United States of America to the court of London. Of this family there are two gentlemen of some eminence, the name of one of whom is Samuel, and the other is the subject of this article. It was commonly understood, that Mr. Samuel Adams possessed one of the best political heads of any of the leaders in the American revolution, and consequently that of the two he was the wiser. Mr. John Adams first skirmished in the mode of pamphlet writing in a small collection of State Papers, and a half crown History of the American

American War. He has since become more voluminous. He published in the year 1786 a volume on the subject of republican government, intitled, A Defence of the American Constitution, and intended to prove, that a pure democracy, unqualified with the mixture of any other powers, could not subsist for any length of time. But, though in this work he merely undertook the defence of that side of the question in which he had all the world along with him, he was not able to produce a book that any body had resolution enough to read. It consists of dry, tedious and undiscriminated examples, without being relieved either by reasoning or animation. A second volume of this work was published in the close of the year 1787.

ADAMS, William: D. D. archdeacon of Landaff, and master of Pembroke College in the university of Oxford. Doctor Adams had a share in the education, and a still greater in the friendship and esteem of the late doctor Samuel Johnson. He published in the year 1754 an Essay, of considerable reputation, in

swer to Mr. David Hume on the subject of miracles.

ADDINGTON, Stephen: D. D. A person, who has been much concerned in the education of youth. He produced several years since a volume of Geography; a volume of Arithmetic; and a Greek Grammar. With specious abilities, he is reported to have carefully modelled those abilities to the meridian of a coterie of canting old women, and has published several pious pamphlets full of grace and edification. He is also concerned in a presbyterian hot-bed for the instruction of grown gentlemen in all sciences in the course of a twelve month.

AIKIN, John: M. D. This gentleman is brother to the celebrated Mrs. Barbauld; and one of his sons of the name of Charles, born about the year 1774, has had the advantage of being educated by that ingenious lady. Doctor Aikin is himself a man of no mean abilities. His principal works are a translation of Tacitus's treatise *De Moribus Germanorum*, and his Life of Agricola; and

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an Essay on the Application of the Science of Natural History to Poetical Composition. He united with his sister in the year 1776 in the publication of a volume of Miscellanies, and has written some books for the use of children. He is settled as a physician at Great Yarmouth in the county of Norfolk.

In the science of medicine he has produced Elements of Physic and Surgery in two volumes octavo; Biographical Memoirs of Medicine in one volume octavo; on the Ligament of Arteries in one volume octavo; and some smaller pieces.

ALDBOROUGH, earl of. See STRATFORD.

ALMON, John: bookseller. This gentleman first distinguished himself by some political pamphlets, published about the year 1762, intitled, Review of Mr. Pitt's Administration; and Review of the Administration of the earl of Bute. These pieces were written with manliness and an air of reasoning, and attracted the notice of Richard earl Temple. To that nobleman, to

whom he was then a stranger, Mr. Almon owed his subsequent success in the world. He was many years a bookseller in Piccadilly, and in that situation was the reviver of the Parliamentary Register, and the institutor of the Remembrancer, and other valuable repositories. After having quitted business, with the intention of devoting the rest of his life to leisure and ease, he resumed it in the capacity of the publisher of a newspaper, intitled, The General Advertiser. This paper was instituted in the year 1778, in opposition to the Morning Post, then under the successful conduct of the Rev. Henry Bate, and was sold for some weeks under cover of the same title. It was taken under the management of Mr. Almon in the year 1784. The name of the original publisher was Parker, who had a son baptized in 1779 by the name of Augustus Keppel, and to whom admiral lord viscount Keppel stood godfather by proxy.

ANDERSON, James : a native of Scotland. The author of an Essay on Agriculture in two volumes octavo; of Observations on the
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National Industry and Manufactures of Scotland; and of two or three political pamphlets.

ANDERSON, Walter: a native of Scotland. The author of an obscure History of France, in five volumes quarto.

ANDREWS, John: L. L. D. An author of moderate abilities, who appears to have taken some pains for the information of mankind. His earliest performance consisted of Letters to Count Welderen, Ambassador from the Court of Holland, on the state of affairs in America. He published in 1783, an Essay on Republican Government. This book is not intended, like that of Mr. John Adams, to show what mode of republican government is the best, but to prove, that all republics are destructive of the tranquillity and happiness of mankind, particularly those, whose influence embraces an extensive territory. He is the author of a History of the American War in four volumes octavo; and a Defence of the Stadholdership

holdership, for which he has not yet received the thanks of the prince of Orange.

ANDREWS, Miles Peter. Author of *Kinkervankotsdarfsprakengotchderns*, a farce imitated from *Lady Craven*; *Diffipation*, a comedy, and *Reparation*, a comedy; each of which have taken their station in the regions of mediocrity.

ANSTEY, Charles. The immortal author of that exquisite poem, intitled, *The New Bath Guide*; together with some poetical pamphlets and verses for the vase of Bath Easton villa, the seat of Sir John Miller, baronet, whose lady, since deceased, published her travels on the continent in four volumes octavo. The pamphlets to which we allude are a *Poetical Paraphrase upon the Thirteenth Chapter of the First Book of Corinthians*; *the Priest Dissected*, a Satire; and *Ad C. W. Bampfylde Epistola Familiaris*.

APTHORP, East: D. D. rector of the parish of Saint Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. He was engaged by the desire of the late archbishop Secker in a controversy with doctor Mayhew,

Mayhew, an American clergyman, upon the subject of sending bishops to that country. Doctor Mayhew was reputed a skilful partisan, and doctor Apthorp did not add greatly to his reputation by his share in the debate. He was made a subject of ridicule by the low church clergy, and by doctor Francis Blackburne, archdeacon of Cleveland, and author of the Confessional. Doctor Apthorp has since published Letters on the Prevalence of Christianity before its Civil Establishment; and a volume of Sermons preached at Lincoln's Inn, at the lecture instituted by the late bishop Warburton for the illustration of the prophecies.

ARCHDALE The editor of a quarto volume, published in 1786, and intitled, *Monastion Hibernicum*.

ASTLE, Thomas: F. R. and A. S. S. He published in 1784 a quarto volume on the Origin of Printing.

AYSCOUGH, Samuel: assistant librarian to the British Museum in the department of natural history. Compiler of a Catalogue
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logue of Undescribed Manuscripts in the British Museum in two volumes quarto; and an Index to seventy volumes of the Monthly Review in two volumes octavo. Performances of this sort have their use, though they should happen, as in the present instance, to be extremely incorrect.

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BADCOCK, Samuel: a dissenting minister of South Moulton in the county of Devon. The name of Mr. Badcock was first known to the world by means of an acrimonious controversy he maintained in the Monthly Review with the celebrated doctor Priestley on the subject of the trinity. He had formerly been the friend of doctor Priestley, but found reason to change both his personal attachments and his religious tenets. His performance was well received by several distinguished persons among the heads of the established church. Mr. Badcock about the same time contributed an account of the family of Wesley to Mr. Gough's *Topographia Britannica*.

BADINI, Charles Francis. An Italian, by birth, and a man of some parts and ingenuity.

ity. He was the author of a very heterogeneous poem published in 1783, intitled *The Flames of Newgate*. About the same period he was for a short time editor of the newspaper, called *the Morning Post*. He has lately contributed two Operas to the Italian Theatre in London, which were played with moderate success.

BAGOT, Lewis: D. D. bishop of Norwich, and brother to the right honorable William lord Bagot. He published about the year 1785 a volume of Sermons preached at Lincoln's Inn, at the lecture instituted by the late bishop Warburton for the illustration of the prophecies.

BAKER, sir George: M. D. F. R. S. and a baronet, president of the royal college of physicians, physician in ordinary to his majesty, and physician to her majesty. This celebrated and learned physician has produced several essays in medicine, the whole
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of which seem to be comprised in his *Opuscula Medica* in one volume octavo.

BALGUY, Thomas: D. D. archdeacon of Winchester. This respectable clergyman is considerably advanced in life, and published with applause a miscellaneous volume of Sermons about the year 1781.

BANCROFT, M. D. He published an *Essay on the Natural History of Guiana* in one volume octavo.

BANKS, sir Joseph: baronet, and president of the Royal Society. He sailed upon a voyage of discovery with the celebrated captain James Cook in the year 1769, and contributed to the account, which was afterwards published of their expedition, his botanical observations. He was elected to his present honorable office upon the death of sir John Pringle in January 1782. His situation was rendered uneasy to him, in the close of the year 1783, by the pertinacious opposition of doctor Horsley, now bishop of St. David's, Mr. Maty, Mr. Poore and others:

others; but he ultimately triumphed over his adversaries. Sir Joseph Banks is by descent a Swede, and his father, who came over to this country in no very opulent circumstances, is said to have raised his fortune by an uncommon accident. Mr. Banks, who worked as a labourer at some species of manufacture, was returning one day from his employment, at a time when a dreadful fire was consuming the houses in a street through which he passed. Animated by a sentiment of humanity, he repaired to the conflagration with a view of affording assistance to the unhappy sufferers. At this moment a lady appeared at the window of one of the houses, and, the spectators being unable to provide any means for her descent, drew back again into the flames. Mr. Banks, with the utmost intrepidity, instantly entered the house, ascended the burning stairs, brought off his charge, and, having delivered her to the protection of her friends, withdrew with the consciousness of having done a worthy action. The lady, who was rescued, desirous of testifying her gratitude, and unable to discover her benefactor, inserted

serted an advertisement in the newspapers, requesting, that he would call upon her. Though the advertisement was unsuccessful, and though the lady imagined, that in her confusion and terror she had forgotten the person of the unknown, yet, passing some time after in her carriage along the streets of London, the face of one of the passengers caught her eye, and she instantly expressed her confidence that she had found her deliverer. Mr. Banks, being questioned, acknowledged, that he had seen the advertisement, but, having done nothing but his duty, had thought proper to decline the overture. From this moment an acquaintance commenced, and Mr. Banks appeared to be as manly and respectable, as he was intrepid and generous. The lady he had saved was a widow, rich and young, and the gratitude and friendship that the incident occasioned, at length terminated in marriage. Such was the foundation of the present opulence of the president of the Royal Society.

BARBAULD, Anna Letitia: the sister of
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doctor Aikin. She published in the year 1770 a collection of Poems in a thin quarto volume, which were received with uncommon applause. Her subsequent works have been a volume of Miscellanies, published in conjunction with her brother; a collection of Devotional Thoughts, chiefly extracted from the book of Job; and several well adapted books for the use of children. Her husband, a German by descent, kept a school for some years at Palgrave, in the county of Suffolk, and now resides with a few pupils at Hampstead near London.

BARING, Francis : M. P. one of the directors of the East India company. Mr. Baring has of late taken a very active part in the affairs of India, and in 1786 published a pamphlet, intitled The Principle of the Commutation Act established by facts.

BARRETTI, Joseph. An Italian by birth, but who has for some years resided in England. He was the friend of Mr. David Garrick, doctor Samuel Johnson, and several of our most distinguished literati. His
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works are *An Account of Italy* in two volumes octavo, in which he particularly applies himself to refute the unfavourable representations of Mr. Sharp and doctor Smollet; *Travels through Spain and Portugal* in four volumes octavo; an *Italian Grammar* in octavo; an *Italian Dictionary* in two volumes quarto; together with other pieces for the illustration of that language; and a *Vindication of Shakespear* in one volume octavo. He lately again addressed the public in a controversial book, intitled *Tolondron*, written in opposition to Mr. Thomas Bowles, editor of *Don Quixote*. Mr. Barretti has a small pension from government, upon which he lives in frugality and retirement.

BARRINGTON, Daines: F. R. and A. S. S. brother to lord viscount Barrington, a king's counsel, and one of the judges of the principality of Wales. Mr. Barrington is a celebrated antiquary, and published in the year 1787, a miscellaneous volume relating to his favourite science. He is the author of a volume, intitled *Observations on the more An-*

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cient Statutes; and an Essay upon the Probability of Reaching the North Pole.

BARRY, James: professor of painting to the royal academy. He was born at Cork in the kingdom of Ireland, and came first into public life under the auspices of the right honourable Edmund Burke. After an education of considerable length in France and Italy, he returned to England, and soon after his arrival, published, in reply to the celebrated abbé Winkelmann, *An Enquiry into the Real and Imaginary Obstructions to the Acquisition of the Arts in England*. He also wrote an octavo volume, explanatory of a series of allegorical pictures, painted for the society for the encouragement of arts, manufactures and commerce, and exhibited at the great room in the Adelphi in the years 1783 and 1784. He is about to publish a set of prints engraved after these pictures, and is engaged, together with all our painters of reputation, in painting a series of pictures for the illustration of Shakespear, from which engravings are first to be made for a sumptuous edition of that author by
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alderman John Boydel, and they are then to be deposited in a grand collection under the appellation of the Gallery of Shakespear.

BATE, Henry. See DUDLEY.

BAYLEY, Anselm: priest in ordinary to his majesty. Author of a new translation of the Old Testament; and a Grammar of the Hebrew Language.

BEATTIE, James: L. L. D. professor of moral philosophy in the Marischal college of Aberdeen. The first work of doctor Beattie was, The Minstrel, a poem of considerable elegance and feeling, in imitation of the stanza of Spencer. He also wrote a beautiful song, intitled The Hermit; and several fugitive poetical pieces. Not contented with his reputation in polite literature, he entered the lists with the celebrated David Hume in an Essay on the Immutability of Truth. This work was written upon the principles of the metaphysical doctrine of what was called the common sense. It was favourably received by the heads of the estab-

blished church of England, and was answered by Dr. Priestley. He has also published a volume of miscellaneous Essays on Ridicule, Laughter, &c. a volume of Lectures on Moral Philosophy; and a book, written at the particular request of bishop Porteus, on the Evidences of Christianity, in two volumes duodecimo.

BEAUFOY, Henry: M. P. F. R. S. The father of this gentleman was a quaker and a vinegar merchant. Mr. Beaufoy is recorded here as the author of the Life of Robert lord Clive in the new edition of the Biographia Britannica, in which he endeavours to palliate the irregularities and the grasping disposition of that nobleman. He published with some applause in the year 1787, the speech he delivered upon a motion for leave to bring in a bill for a repeal of so much of the corporation and test acts as relates to the protestant dissenters.

BEDDOWES, Thomas: M. D. A native of Scotland, and a person of considerable reputation in the science of chemistry. He
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is the translator of the works of sir Torbern Bergmann; and was in the year 1787 elected reader of chemistry in the university of Oxford.

BELL, Benjamin. Author of a work of some reputation, intituled *The System of Surgery*, in two volumes, octavo.

BENTHAM, Jeremy. Author of a *Disquisition upon the Convicts Bill of 1776*; and a pamphlet of considerable shrewdness which has lately appeared in *Defence of Usury*.

BENTLEY, . Author of some *Prologues and Epilogues*, and a comic opera intituled *The Prophet*.

BERKENHOUT, John: M. D. Author of *Pharmacopœia Medica* in octavo; an *Answer to Cadogan on the Gout*; *A Treatise on Hyſterics*; a *Botanical Lexicon*; *Outlines of the Natural History of Great Britain* in three volumes octavo; *Biographia Literaria* volume I. in quarto; and *Lucubrations*

brations on Ways and Means addressed to lord North in one volume octavo.

BERRINGTON, Joseph : a Roman catholic clergyman. His first publication was intituled Letters on Materialism in Reply to Dr. Priestley. He wrote in the year 1787, an Account of the Present State of the Roman Catholics in Great Britain, which was particularly noticed for a very pointed and acrimonious character it exhibited of the present duke of Norfolk. There appeared under the name of this gentleman, a quarto volume in the year 1787, intituled The History of Abelard and Heloise.

BERTIE, Willoughby, earl of Abingdon. This nobleman was educated in the city of Geneva, and imbibed all the democratical principles of the unsuccessful party in that republic. He published in the year 1777 a pamphlet intituled Thoughts on the Letter of the right honourable Edmund Burke to the Sheriffs of Bristol on the Affairs of America; which was received with considerable applause by many of his countrymen.

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It was answered in a stile of the most exquisite ridicule and irony by an anonymous author. His lordship bestowed his estate in America as a voluntary gift upon the congress of the thirteen Provinces.

BIRCH, Samuel: a pastry cook, and a poet. He married a niece of doctor James Fordyce the divine, by which incident the doctor was so greatly offended as to enter into a newspaper controversy upon the subject with his new cousin, in which he addressed him by the unpoetical appellation of Mr. Pattypan. The works of Mr. Birch are, *Confilia*, or *Thoughts on Several Subjects*; and the *Abbey of Ambresbury*, a poem.

BLACKLOCK —: L. L. D. This gentleman, who has been blind from his infancy, first attracted notice by the publication of a volume of poems, which was introduced to the public by the reverend Joseph Spence, author of *Polymetis*. He lives at Edinburgh in habits of intimacy with the most respectable literati of that country.

BLAIR, Hugh: D. D. professor of rhetoric in the university of Edinburgh. His first performance was written early in the controversy of Ossian in defence of the forgery of Macpherson. His present extensive reputation is founded upon two volumes of Sermons, which acquired him a pension from the queen of two hundred pounds per annum. He published in the year 1782, Lectures upon Rhetoric in two volumes quarto.

BLAYNEY, Benjamin: L. L. D. He has written a Dissertation on Daniel's Prophecy of the seventy weeks; and a Translation of the Prophecy of Jeremiah. He was lately appointed regius professor of Hebrew in the university of Oxford.

BLOWER, Eliza. Author of George Bateman, a novel; Maria, a novel; and Features from Life, or a Summer Visit, a novel.

BOOTH, Abraham. An anabaptist divine,
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author of the *Reign of Grace* and several animated compositions.

BOSWEL, James: son to lord Auchinleck, one of the lords of session for the kingdom of Scotland, an advocate of the Scottish bar, and lately called to the bar in England. His first publication was an *Account of Corsica*, and in particular of general Paoli, which had considerable success, and strongly preposessed the English nation in favour of that commander. He published a *Letter to the People of Scotland* in the memorable political crisis, in the spring of the year 1784, in which he pleaded the cause of Mr. Pitt against the coalition. A second pamphlet of his appeared in 1785 against a project of Mr. Henry Dundas for increasing the salaries and reducing the number of the Scottish judges. In 1786 he published a *Journal of a Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland* undertaken with doctor Samuel Johnson in one volume octavo.

BOWDLER, Thomas: F. R. and A. S. S.
Author of *Letters written in Holland during the*
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the Months of September and October 1787, in one volume octavo.

BOWLES, Thomas. The editor of a very elegant edition of Don Quixote in the original Spanish. This publication has been censured as injudicious and illiterate by Mr. Baretti.

BOYCE . Author of a tragedy never performed, intituled Harold.

BOYS . This Lady is the author of a novel intituled the Coalition. The denouement is well contrived, and the work is dedicated to Mrs. Hastings.

BRAND, Thomas. A celebrated truss-maker in Soho-square, and author of the Case of a Boy that was Mistaken for a Girl. By the successful operation of Mr. Brand, a part of his body was protruded at seven years of age, calculated to prevent a repetition of the mistake for the future.

BROCKLESBY, Richard: M. D. The friend

friend of the late doctor Samuel Johnson, and author of *Oeconomical and Medical Observations* in one volume octavo.

BROCQ, Philip le. A clerical visionary, who has published a project for the payment of the national debt, and for the better cultivation of fir trees.

BROOKE, : a female writer of very distinguished merit. She translated from the French *Lady Catesby's Letters* by madame Riccoboni; the *Memoirs of the Marquis de St. Forlaix* by Mr. Framery; and *Elements of the History of England* by the Abbé Millot. Her original works are the *Old Maid*, a periodical paper; the *Siege of Sinope*, a tragedy; *Rosina*, a farce; and three novels: *Lady Julia Mandeville*, in two volumes; *Emily Montague* in four volumes; and the *Excursion* in two volumes. She was the very intimate friend of the late Mrs. Yates, and resided in the neighbourhood of that lady in Pimlico. Her husband is a clergyman of the city of Norwich.

BRUCE,

BRUCE, John : professor of logic in the university of Edinburgh. He published in the year 1786 an octavo volume of Elements of Moral Philosophy.

BRUCE : a traveller particularly celebrated for his researches in the kingdom of Abyssinia. He was long restrained from publishing his Observations, by the laughter he excited in consequence of his account of the Abyssinian oxen. It is, it seems, a custom with the inhabitants to cut a steak from the flank of the animals, and devour it raw. The oxen are then turned out to graze, and do very well after the operation. Mr. Bruce's travels are in the press and may speedily be expected.

BRYANT, Jacob : a clergyman residing in the neighbourhood of Windsor. This author is particularly distinguished by a very learned and elaborate work in three volumes quarto, intitled Antient Mythology. It proceeds upon a foundation new and ingenious, but which by some persons has been treated as visionary. He entered into controversy

troverſy with doctor Priſtley upon the ſubject of free will, and engaged in the Chattertonian diſpute in defence of the authenticity of the poems of Rowley. His performances of leſs note are, *Obſervations on Ancient Hiſtory* in one volume quarto; and a pamphlet in *Vindication of the Apamean Medal*.

BRYDONE, Patrick : F. R. and A. S. S. The original ſituation of this gentleman was not very promiſing, but having been employed as a travelling tutor, particularly to Mr. Beckford of Fonthill, he became more eaſy in his circumſtances. His *Travels through Sicily and Malta*, in two volumes octavo, were originally a very popular book; and he has ſince contributed ſeveral papers to the *philofophical tranſactions*.

BUCHAN, William : M. D. The author of a very ſucceſſful octavo published in the year 1781, and intitled *Domestic Medicine*. He reſides in London, but does not practice.

BUCHAN, earl of. See *ERSKINE*.

BULKELEY,

BULKELEY, Charles : an anabaptist divine of some ingenuity, and a great admirer of the writings of Lord Shaftesbury. He has published the Oeconomy of the Gospel in one volume quarto ; Discourses on the Parables and Miracles in four volumes octavo ; Notes on the Philosophical Works of lord Bolingbroke ; a Vindication of the earl of Shaftesbury ; and several smaller pieces.

BULLER, Francis : a judge of the court of king's bench, and the particular friend of earl Mansfield. He has written an Introduction to the Law of Nisi Prius in one volume quarto.

BUNBURY, Henry. It is always pleasing to the compiler of a catalogue like this, to have an opportunity of inserting in it the names of persons of merit, who do not seem immediately to fall within his design. Mr. Bunbury, brother to sir Thomas Charles Bunbury, baronet, late member of parliament for the county of Suffolk, is a painter of some merit in the serious line,
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and of superior eminence in the humourous and the ludicrous. His most admired drawing bears the name of Lord's Day Evening Amusements. He published in the year 1787, a series of ludicrous prints on the subject of Horfemanship, and accompanied them with instructions in that art, written in a very happy vein of irony, under the name of Geoffry Gambado. Mrs. Bunbury is much admired for her personal charms and her mental accomplishments.

BURGES, James Bland: barrister at law and M. P. He published in 1783 an octavo volume on the Law of Insolvency; and a Letter to Lord Effingham on the same subject; and has distinguished himself in the house of commons by an ineffectual attempt to assist the cause of Mr. Hastings.

BURGOYNE, John: M. P. a lieutenant general, and a privy counsellor of the kingdom of Ireland. This man, equally extraordinary in his abilities and engaging in his manners, is reputed to be the natural son of
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the late lord Bingley. He is one of those characters, who will perhaps be still more known in political history, than in the republic of letters. His first military service of importance was in the kingdom of Portugal, where he commanded in chief, and where he cultivated an intimate friendship with the late unfortunate general Charles Lee. General Burgoyne originally served as a volunteer against the American revolvers; and the letters, which passed upon this occasion between him and general Lee, who was a volunteer in the American cause, have been particularly admired by their respective partizans. The unfortunate day of Saratoga is the principal point in Mr. Burgoyne's history; and, if he has been blamed by some, he has however shared the sympathy and esteem of all those, who were acquainted either with his personal excellencies, or with the merits of the business. Beside several essays of fugitive poetry, some dramatic pieces acted in America, and a narrative of the Saratoga expedition, Mr. Burgoyne is the reputed author of the Maid of the Oaks, a comedy; the Lord of the Manor.

Manor, an opera; and he has published under his name the Heirefs, a comedy. General Burgoyne is a friend of Mr. Fox; he is now considerably advanced in life, and is somewhat infirm with the gout.

BURKE, Edmund : M. P. and a privy counsellor. Mr. Burke is a native of Ireland. His father was a reputable attorney of the city of Dublin, and he received the first rudiments of his education at the school of . His first excursion to the island of Great Britain led him to the city of Glasgow, where he became a candidate for the professorship of logic in that university. Though he stood the election, the number of voices in his favour was very small, and the successful candidate, Mr. James Clow, is still living. Disappointed here, Mr. Burke repaired to London, and seems to have turned his thoughts to the profession of an author. It is a matter attended with some uncertainty, whether or no he was the compiler of a work, in two volumes octavo, intitled, an Account of the European Settlements in America. At any

rate it is a work of considerable merit, and in some passages scarcely inferior to what we might expect from its reputed author; but its style is unequal and unformed, a symptom which no where appears in the acknowledged compositions of Mr. Burke. His volume in relation to the Original of our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful, first appeared in the year 1764. Mr. Burke wrote about the same time a pamphlet, intitled a Vindication of Natural Society. It was occasioned by a sort of challenge in a literary club to produce a just imitation of the style of lord Bolingbroke. Mr. Burke in consequence wrote this essay, and the deception was successful. This literary club, which is celebrated by doctor Goldsmith in his poem of Retaliation, was held at the Turk's Head in Gerard street, and consisted of the following members: doctor Johnson, doctor Goldsmith, doctor Barnard, now bishop of Killalo in the kingdom of Ireland, sir Joshua Reynolds, Mr. Cumberland, Mr. Garrick, Mr. Edmund Burke, his brother Mr. Richard Burke, their cousin Mr. William Burke, now paymaster general of the forces in the East

East Indies, and Mr. Hickey an attorney. In this club they occasionally proved the truth of the observation, that the greatest men will sometimes stoop to the most frivolous employments; and, as Scipio and Laelius were once caught riding upon sticks at their villa near Rome, so these gentlemen unbent their minds by the constructions of puns. The common idea has been, that in this amusement, though Mr. Burke was particularly ambitious of excellence, he was generally unsuccessful. Doctor Goldsmith displayed in this business the same absurdity and *gaucherie* which accompanied him through life. Having met with a pun in company, which he particularly admired, he was once desirous of transplanting it into his own conversation. The peas at table happened to be of a remarkably ill colour, and the gentleman immediately directed his footman to take them to Hammer-smith. The point of the jest lay in the matter, that Hammer-smith was in the way to Turnham Green (*turn'em green*). Doctor Goldsmith eagerly sought the occasion to introduce this pun, perhaps without any nice attention to the fa-

vorableness of the circumstances; and being asked, why he would have the peas taken to Hammer-smith, replied, that was the way to *make them green*.

Mr. Burke, since this time, has not been less conspicuous as a political than as a literary character. His connection with the marquis of Rockingham appears not to have commenced, till the moment in which that nobleman was appointed first lord of the treasury in July 1765. At this time Mr. Burke was recommended to his notice, appointed to the office of his private secretary, and immediately after brought into parliament. In the year 1774 his popularity was so great, that he was invited, without any previous solicitation, upon the general election, to represent the populous city of Bristol. In the year 1768, Mr. Burke published a pamphlet, intitled *Thoughts on the Causes of the Present Discontents*, which was answered by Mrs. Catherine Macaulay. Before this time he had greatly distinguished himself as a speaker in the house of commons; and lord Chatham being removed to the other house, he was looked up to as the person of the
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greatest eloquence within those walls. For many years the names chiefly distinguished in oratory in the lower house of parliament, were those of Mr. Burke and colonel Barré. Mr. Burke published two Speeches, made by him during the course of the American business in 1775 and 1776, which were greatly applauded.

The first check he experienced in his career originated in the settlement, that was made in the close of the year 1778 of the trade of the kingdom of Ireland. In this affair Mr. Burke was placed in a very delicate situation between the jealous monopolists of the city of Bristol, on the one hand, and the resolute and patriotic demands of his countrymen, on the other. Upon this subject Mr. Burke first wrote Two Letters to his parliamentary constituents; and afterwards a very beautiful and pathetic exculpatory letter to his friends in Ireland. The former of these was printed in a shilling pamphlet; and the latter we never saw, but in the first volume of the New Annual Register. Mr. Burke had in the preceding year addressed a Letter to the Sheriffs of Bristol on the affairs of America. In the year 1780, a period memorable for the intro-

duction of many popular measures into parliament, he was the author of a bill for the æconomical reform of the expences of the civil list; and published a very excellent speech upon the subject. In the subsequent general election Mr. Burke was thrown out by the freemen of Bristol, who, beside the objections we have mentioned, were displeased with him for his share in the measures which had been lately adopted in favour of the Roman Catholics. Both the short speech which he made when he declined the election, and the larger one which he spoke after the whole was concluded, appear to have obtained a greater share of popular admiration than any other of his performances. Subsequent to that æra the reputation of this statesman considerably declined, and a matter particularly inauspicious to him is to be found in the conduct he held relatively to messieurs Powel and Bembridge, the delinquents of the pay office. Since this period Mr. Burke has published nothing, except a Speech upon Mr. Fox's India Bill in 1783; a Representation to the King, moved in the house of commons in 1784; a Speech on the Debts

Debts of the Nabob of Arcot in 1785 ; and his Charges against Warren Hastings esquire in 1786.

It is an idea that has considerably obtained, that Mr. Burke has had a share in the composition of the historical article in Doddsley's Annual Register. But the inelegant and unliterary manner in which it is usually written, forbids a man of taste from harbouring the suspicion for a moment.

BURNET, James, lord Monboddo : one of the lord of session for the kingdom of Scotland. This nobleman is an adherent to a sect, the chief leader of which has been Mr. James Harris, author of *Hermes*, &c. &c. and whose principal tenet has been an extreme preference of the ancient, and particularly of the Greek writers to the moderns, and of their principles to the generality of those, which have been established or discovered in later times. Lord Monboddo's works are a *Dissertation on the Origin of Language* in three volumes octavo ; and *Antient Metaphysics* in three volumes quarto. In his performances there is a surprising mixture of penetration

netration and genius with the extremest absurdity ; particularly where he maintains, that the Ouran Outang is a class of the human species, and proves that his want of speech is a mere accidental effect.

BURNEY, Charles: Mus. D. Author of Musical Travels in various parts of Europe ; of a General History of Music in two volumes quarto ; and of an Account of the Commemoration of Handel, written by the command of his majesty. Doctor Burney lives in the house which was inhabited for many years by sir Isaac Newton.

BURNEY, Charles: son of the preceding, and master of a grammar school at Chiswick, in which he succeeded the late doctor Rose, who, with a Mr. Cleveland, was the original institutor of the Monthly Review. Mr. Burney has the reputation of being one of the best Grecian scholars in England, and has written some articles upon that subject in the Monthly Review, particularly an attack upon the Monstrophics of Mr. Huntingford.

BURNEY, Frances. This lady is the daughter of doctor Burney, and author of two of the best novels in the English language. *Evelina*, published in 1787, produced to her the sum of five guineas, and *Cecilia*, published in 1782, the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds. Miss Burney was appointed in 1786 joint keeper of the robes to her majesty with Mrs. Swellenbergen, with a salary of two hundred pounds per annum. Since that time the hours of this celebrated genius are said to have been chiefly occupied in the folding of muslins.

BURNS, Robert. A ploughman in the county of Ayr in the kingdom of Scotland. He was introduced to notice by a paper in a periodical publication, called the *Lounger*, and his poems were published in the year 1787. Mr. Burns was upon the point of embarking for America, when he was prevented from executing his intention by a letter, exciting him to the further pursuit of his literary career, by doctor Blacklock.

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BUTTER, William: M. D. He has written some smaller tracts upon the entraction of Cataracts; on Fevers; the Chin Cough; and the Stone.

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CALDER, John: D. D. originally a clergyman of the church of Scotland. He was first brought to London by the patronage of the late duke of Northumberland, and resided for some years in the neighbourhood of that nobleman at Alnwick castle. There he originally formed the design of a sumptuous edition of the Tatler, Spectator and Guardian, with notes, assigning, as nearly as possible, their shares to the different writers, and subjoining anecdotes of their lives. The Tatler was finished in conjunction with Mr. John Nichols, and appeared in 1786. Doctor Calder is the intimate friend of Mr. John Lee, late attorney general.

CAMBRIDGE, Richard Owen. This gentleman, who has a moderate paternal estate, was one of the original contributors to the
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World, a periodical paper, set on foot by Mr. Edward Moore. He also wrote the *Scribbleriad*, a mock heroic poem, in six cantos; and a *History of the Wars in India to the year 1760*, in one volume quarto; together with some miscellaneous poems, which are to be found in *Doddsley's Collection*.

CAMPBELL, George: D. D. principal of the Marischal college at Aberdeen. He was the author of an answer to Mr. Hume upon miracles, which, of the numerous replies that appeared at that time, obtained the greatest applause, and was received with approbation by Mr. Hume. Doctor Campbell has since published the *Philosophy of Rhetoric* in two volumes octavo; and a small pamphlet in favour of the Catholics, at the time of the Scottish riots in 1779.

CAMPBELL, Thomas: D. D. a native of Ireland, and a clergyman of the established church in that country. He is the author of a *Philosophical Survey of the South of Ireland* in one volume octavo.

CAMPBELL, William: D. D. a protestant dissenting

dissenting minister of Armagh in the kingdom of Ireland. He wrote an answer to the pamphlet of doctor Woodward, bishop of Cloyne, upon the subject of the insurrections in Munster.

CANNING, George. A young gentleman of the kingdom of Ireland, and late of Eton college. He was the most approved writer in a periodical paper called the Microcosm, and published at Eton. His associates were Mr J. Smith, Mr. R. P. Smith, and Mr. Frere. The Microcosm will be found, considering the age of the writers, a very extraordinary production.

CAPPER, James: a captain in the army, and author of a very intelligent Journal of a Passage over land from London to Bengal.

CARDONNEL, Adam de. Author of a quarto book upon the Scottish coinage.

CARLISLE, earl of. See HOWARD.

CARTWRIGHT, John: major of the
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Northamptonshire militia. Author of *Give Us Our Rights!* and several patriotic publications.

CARYSFORT, lord. See Proby.

CAVALLO, Tiberius: F. R. S. An experimental philosopher of moderate reputation. His works are, a *Treatise on Electricity* in one volume octavo; an *Essay on Medical Electricity*; a *Treatise on Air* in one volume quarto; and a volume upon *Air Balloons*.

CHALMERS, George. Author of *Political Annals of the Present United Colonies* in one volume quarto; an *Essay on the Comparative Strength of Great Britain since the Revolution*, and some smaller pieces.

CHAMBERS, sir William: knight, knight of the Polar Star, surveyor general of the Board of Works, and treasurer of the Royal Academy. He has two sources of reputation, his erections in architecture, particularly that of Somerset-house; and his volume upon *Chinese Gardening*, which furnished the occasion

caſion to an admirable ſatire, intitl'd an Heroic Epistle to Sir William Chambers. The Plans and Views of his Diſpoſitions of the Gardens and Buildings at Kew are publiſhed in one volume folio.

CHELSUM, James: D. D. This gentleman entered the liſts in the voluminous controverſy with Mr. Gibbon reſpecting the primitive ſtate of the Chriſtian religion.

CLARKE, John. A Scottiſh gentleman, who engaged in the year 1782 in a controverſy with Mr. Shaw in favor of the authenticity of the poems of Oſſian.

CLARKSON, Author of an Eſſay upon Slavery, tranſlated from a Latin diſſertation, which obtained the prize for the year 1785 in the univerſity of Cambridge.

CLINTON, ſir Henry: K. B. firſt couſin to the duke of Newcaſtle, a lieutenant general in the army, colonel of the ſeventh regiment of dragoons, and of the eighty-fourth regiment of foot, and governor of Limeric in Ireland

Ireland. He was one of our principal commanders in the late American war, and wrote a Narrative of his conduct in that business, to which an answer was published by lord Cornwallis.

COBB, . A dramatic writer, whose pieces have been performed with considerable success. They are, the Humourist, a farce; the First Floor, a farce; and the Strangers at Home, an opera. To which we now add, Love in the East, an opera.

COETLOGON, Charles Edward de: A. M. a popular clergyman, son of Dennis Claudius de Coetlogon a French physician and author of a Dictionary of Arts and Sciences. He has published Sermons on the fifty-first Psalm in two volumes octavo; a Caution against the Abominations of the Church of Rome price sixpence; and several single Sermons. He is also editor of some of the works of that celebrated metaphysician, Mr. Jonathan Edwards of New England.

COGAN, Thomas: M. D. An English physician

physician, now resident in the States of the United Provinces. He originally instituted in this island the society for the recovery of drowned persons. He published in a small pamphlet, a Philosophical Survey of the Creation; and, in two volumes duodecimo, a sort of imitation of the manner of Sterne, intitled the History of John Buncle, junior.

COLMAN, George: a literary veteran. When cabals in literature were more frequent than at the present day, Mr. Colman was in a league with Mr. Charles Churchill, Mr. John Wilkes, Mr. Robert Lloyd, and Mr. Bonnel Thornton, in opposition to Mr. Arthur Murphy, doctor Tobias Smollet, and the earl of Bute. In conjunction with Mr. Thornton, Mr. Colman wrote a periodical paper, intitled the Connoisseur, now collected in four volumes, and which was attended with considerable success. Mr. Colman's dramatic pieces are the Jealous Wife; the English Merchant; and the Man of Business, comedies; together with Polly Honeycombe; the Fairy Prince; Man and Wife; and Islington Spa, farces. In conjunction

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with Mr. Garrick he wrote the *Clandestine Marriage*, a comedy. Mr. Colman translated the Plays of Terence, and Horace's *Art of Poetry*. His miscellaneous works were published in 1787 under the title of *Prose*, in three volumes duodecimo. He was successively the manager of the theatres of Covent Garden and the Haymarket, and in this character was engaged in several disputes, particularly with Mr. Harris, doctor Kenrick and Mr. O'Brien.

COLMAN, George: son of the preceding. He is the author of *Two to One*, a comedy; *Turk and No Turk*, a comedy; and *Inkle and Yarico*, an opera. In these pieces there are many excellent passages, particularly a song in the latter, which would have immortalized him, if it had not been found to be stolen.

“ In London what gay chop-house signs in the street!

“ But the only sign here is of nothing to eat.

“ Heigho! that I for hunger should die!

“ But, grave without meat, I must here meet my grave;

“ For my bacon I fancy I never shall save.”

CONWAY, Henry Seymour: brother to
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the earl of Hertford, a general in the army, colonel of the royal regiment of horse guards, governor of the island of Jersey, and a privy counsellor. This officer has made a greater figure in the political, than in the military line. He had the honour to move with success for the repeal of the American stamp act, under the administration of the marquis of Rockingham, and for putting a period to the civil war in America, toward the close of the administration of lord North; and his speech on this latter occasion, as well as some other of his speeches, has been conveyed by him to the public through the medium of the press. He has been successively secretary of state, lieutenant general of the ordnance, and commander in chief.

COOKE, William. The author of the Life of Doctor Johnson, which appeared about three days after his death, and which has very worthily been bound up with a jest book. We believe it was the same Mr. Cooke who published about ten years ago, an octavo volume upon the composition of

comedy, and a poem, intituled *The Conquest of Quebec*.

COOMBE, Thomas: a clergyman, and author of the *Peasant of Auburn*, a poem, written in the style of somewhat too servile an imitation of the *Deserted Village* of Goldsmith.

CORDINER, Charles. A reverend antiquarian, and author of *Antiquities of the North of Scotland* in one volume quarto.

CORNISH, Joseph. A nonconformist divine, author of the *Life of Mr. Thomas Firmin*; *a Blow at the Root of all Priestly Claims*; and many godly performances.

CORNWALLIS, Charles, earl Cornwallis: constable and chief governor of the Tower of London, governor general of the provinces of Bengal, Bahar and Orissa in the East Indies, a lieutenant general in the army, colonel of the thirty-third regiment of foot, knight of the garter and a privy counsellor. He was conspicuous in the transactions of
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the American war, and particularly as having commanded at the surrender of York Town. His character is much respected, and his administration is said to be calculated to heal the wounds that have been inflicted by European rapacity upon the natives of India. He published in 1783, an answer to lieutenant general sir Henry Clinton's Narrative of the proceedings of the army under his command in the city of New-York.

COTTON, Charles: M. D. The proprietor of a private mad-house near St Alban's, and author of Visions in Verse for the Instruction of Younger Minds.

COURTENAY, John: M. P. and surveyor general of the ordnance under the administration of the duke of Portland. This gentleman is one of the regular speakers of the house of commons; and his usual object in what he delivers is to amuse the members with ridicule and humour. He has published several anonymous fugitive pieces,
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and he prefixed his name to a poetical estimate of the character of doctor Johnson.

COWLEY, . The talents of this lady have been chiefly turned to the stage. She is the author of the Runaway, a comedy; Who is the Dupe? a farce; Which is the Man? a comedy; Second Thoughts are Best, a comedy which was damned; A Bold Stroke for a Husband, a comedy; More Ways than One, a comedy; The School for Grey Beards, a comedy: and Albina; and the Fate of Sparta, tragedies. She also published the Scottish Village, a poem; and the first part of a poem, intituled The Maid of Arragon.

COWPER, William: of the Inner Temple. Early in life he was the intimate friend of lord Thurlow, and lived in a very sociable and somewhat dissipated manner. He has since taken a turn to methodism, is of a serious and melancholy humour, and spends his whole time in rural retirement. His works are poetical, and make two volumes in octavo. The style in which they are written is nervous, manly and unaffected; but

but they are greatly deformed and obscured by the total neglect of method. He is best known by a kind of rhyming romance, intitled John Gilpin's Journey to Edmonton, which is the most indifferent of all his performances. Mr. Cowper is now employed in a translation of the Iliad into English blank verse.

COXE, William: a clergyman, and a well known traveller, having made the grand tour in the capacity of tutor to the marquis of Blandford and others. His works are, An Account of the Russian Discoveries; Sketches of Switzerland; an Account of the Prisons and Hospitals in Russia; and Travels into Russia, Poland, Sweden and Denmark.

CRABBE, George: private chaplain to the late duke of Rutland. He was originally a journeyman apothecary, and in that capacity produced the Library, a poem. Having sent this performance in manuscript to Mr. Burke, he was received with every degree of countenance, and encouraged to change

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change his profession for that of a divine. His subsequent performances have been the Village, and the Newspaper, two poems.

CRADOCK, : a gentleman of fortune of the county of Leicester. He has been celebrated for the accomplishment of an excellent reader, and for the respectable manner, in which he has appeared in some private theatrical exhibitions. His first publication was the tragedy of Zobeide, translated from Voltaire, and performed at Drury Lane. He is also the reputed author of a Journey to Snowden; and Village Memoirs; each in one volume duodecimo.

CRAVEN, Elizabeth, baroness Craven. A person of extreme gaiety and vivacity in private life, and who has successfully transferred these qualities upon paper. Her productions are, a dramatic piece, intitled The Family Picture; and the Modern Anecdote, or the History of the Baron Kinkvervankotsdarsprakengotchderns. Lady Cravens Address to her Heart has been much admired.

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CRAUFORD, Adair: M. D. This gentleman was engaged in a philosophical controversy in the year 1787 with Mr. William Morgan: the title of his performance, Experiments on Animal Heat.

CRAUFORD, : a captain in the army. It is now a matter well known among military people, that their art is to be obtained in the greatest perfection through the medium of the German language. Captain Crauford has had the honour of being among the first persons in the English army, who have successfully applied themselves to this study, and he lately presented the public with a Translation of the Tactics of baron Tielke.

CRAUFORD, George: late commissioner from the court of London to the court of Versailles. His Essay on the Actual Resources for Re-establishing the Finances of Great Britain, appeared in the year 1785. It proceeds upon the idea, that it is absurd and injurious to attempt to diminish the national debt; an idea, which has been defended

fended with more plausibility and force by the marquis de Casaux.

CROFT, Herbert. This gentleman was originally brought up to the bar, afterwards became private tutor to a young gentleman, the nephew and heir of Mr. Powel of the pay office, and is now in the church. His first performance was *Love and Madness*, a series of letters supposed to have passed between Miss Reay, mistress to the earl of Sandwich, and the reverend Mr. Hackman, a person deeply smitten with her charms, and by whom she was assassinated. His book contains a very pathetic and interesting account of the personal history of the unfortunate Chatterton. Mr. Croft was the intimate friend of doctor Johnson, and contributed the account of Dr. Young, which has been considered as a successful imitation of Johnson's style, to the famous work of the *Lives of the Poets*. Mr. Croft formerly contributed to the *Critical Review*, and is now engaged in compiling an English dictionary, intended to contain five thousand more

more words, than are to be found in the lexicography of Johnson.

CULLEN, Charles : son to doctor Cullen of Edinburgh. The Translator of the History of Mexico by the abbé Clavigero in two volumes quarto.

CULLEN, William : M. D. professor of practical medicine in the university of Edinburgh. His First Lines of Physic in four volumes octavo are to be regarded as a standard work. His Lectures on the Materia Medica, have also been published in one volume octavo.

CUMBERLAND, Richard: son of bishop Cumberland, the author of a large quarto upon the Law of Nature. Mr. Cumberland was the intimate friend of the late lord viscount Sackville, and, during the period in which that nobleman was a cabinet minister, was secretary to the board of trade. Mr. Cumberland's writings have been chiefly of the dramatic kind, and, though they have been blamed as too sentimental, they

they have yet had many admirers. His first production was the *Brothers*, a comedy; which was followed by the *West Indian*, a comedy; a performance that obtained a very uncommon and brilliant success. His remaining publications are, the *Fashionable Lover*, a comedy; the *Choleric Man*, a comedy; the *Battle of Hastings*, a tragedy; the *Mysterious Husband*, a tragedy; the *Carmelite*, a tragedy; and the *Natural Son*, and the *Country Attorney*, comedies. the tragedy of the *Arab*, given as a benefit play to Mr. John Henderson, and the comedy of the *Walloons* were never published. A very early production of Mr. Cumberland, was the *Banishment of Cicero*, a tragedy never performed. He also published in the year 1775 a small collection of *Odes*, which is reported to have been successfully ridiculed by Mr. David Garrick. Having been sent as a commissioner to the Court of Madrid during the late war, he published upon his return *Anecdotes of Eminent Painters in Spain*, in two volumes duodecimo. He also wrote an *Answer to the Letter of doctor Watson, bishop of Landaff, to the archbishop of Canterbury*, which had a considerable claim to wit and

and brilliancy of composition, but which was judged to be too flippant and petulant for so serious an occasion. Upon the death of lord Sackville, Mr. Cumberland published, in a small pamphlet, a character of that nobleman. His last work is the Observer in four volumes duodecimo, written in the manner of a periodical paper, but not published except in this form. It contains many excellent papers, particularly criticisms of considerable research upon the Grecian History and Literature, and a very pathetic account of the death of the above-mentioned nobleman. Mr. Cumberland seems to have had an unfortunate misunderstanding with the author of the School for Scandal, and was ridiculed by him, in the farce of the Critic, under the appellation of Sir Fretful Plagiary. Since that time the witlings of the newspapers have caught hold of his name, and he has lain perhaps under a greater volume of abuse, than any author that ever existed. His conduct must probably be acknowledged to have been in some instances peevish, and in more injudicious; but his merits, both of the head and of the heart,

heart, are not inconsiderable. Mr. Cumberland's eldest daughter is married to lord Edward Charles Cavendish Bentinck, only brother to the duke of Portland.

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DALRYMPLE, Alexander: Author of an Historical Collection of Voyages in the South Sea, and of several pamphlets; viz. Two Letters to the Directors of the East India Company; a Letter to doctor Hawkesworth; Proof that the Spaniards have no claim to Balambangan; Plan for extending Commerce; and An Account of the Loss of the Grosvenor East Indiaman.

DALRYMPLE, David, lord New Hales: one of the lords of session for the kingdom of Scotland. A learned and successful antiquary. His publications are, Historical Memoirs, in one volume quarto; Annals of Scotland, in two volumes quarto; Remarks on the History of Scotland, duodecimo; Memoirs and Letters relating to the History of James I. and Charles I; and Secret Correspondence between sir Robert Cecil and
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James VI. He has also written a plan for the formation of a *Biographia Scotica*, and some specimens of the execution of such a work which he distributed among his friends.

DALRYMPLE, John: earl of Stair. This nobleman has written several pamphlets upon finances, and the national debt, which are rather of a gloomy complexion, and in which he has declared himself against the coalition, and in favour of that Chatham of the East, Mr. Hastings. Their titles are, *State of Debt, Income and Expenditure; Observations on ditto; on the State of the Nation; on the Proper Limits of Government's Interfering with the East India Company; Address to the Public; and, Facts and their Consequences.*

DALRYMPLE, sir John: a baronet of the kingdom of Scotland. He published in the year 1773 a volume of *Letters from the French Ambassadors in England during the reign of Charles II. James II. and William III.* This publication raised a loud outcry
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against him, on account of its containing some papers which seemed to impeach the character of those venerable patriots, Algernon Sydney and William lord Ruffel. It seems to be unfair, to desire to suppress any species of historical document, whether true or false, when it comes under so considerable a name as that of the correspondence and memoirs of an ambassador; which was the case in this instance. The name of the ambassador was Barillon. The other works of sir John Dalrymple are, Three Letters to Lord Viscount Barrington, Secretary at War; a Letter to the Gentlemen and Graziers of Lincolnshire; and Remarks on the Exportation of Wool. The first quarto volume of his Memoirs of Great Britain and Ireland from the Battle of La Hogue to the affair of Vigo, was published in 1771, and the second volume in 1788.

DALTON, Richard: antiquarian to the king. He has published a Picturesque View of the Kingdom of Egypt in one volume folio; Remarks on Twelve Historical Designs of Raffaello; Remarks on Prints

Intended to be Published; and a Descriptive Poem to Two Ladies coming out of the Coal Mines at Whitehaven.

DAVIS, Henry Edwards. One of the answerers to Mr. Gibbon's Chapters on Christianity, who is supposed to have suffered most severely under the lash of that historian.

DAVIS, . Author of Plays written for a Private Theatre in one volume quarto.

DAWES, Matthew. Author of Philosophical Considerations on the controversy between doctor Priestley and doctor Price; a Letter to Mr. Horne Tooke; An Essay on Supreme Power; and a volume upon Crimes and Punishments.

DAWSON, Benjamin: L. L. D. rector of Burgh in the county of Suffolk. He wrote some pamphlets upon the low church side in the controversy of the Confessional; a volume of Sermons on the Logos; and a small
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Essay in favour of the doctrine of philosophical necessity.

DAY, Thomas. Author of a series of political letters under the signature of Marius; and of a work, of more reputation than merit, intitled Sandford and Merton, and intended for the use of children, in two volumes duodecimo.

DELAP, John: D. D. Author of the Roman Sacrifice; the Captives; and some other very melting tragedies. He has published an Elegy on the Death of the Duke of Rutland.

DENT, John. Editor of an extinct newspaper, intitled the London Courant; and author of Too Civil by Half; and some other farces.

DILLON, John Talbot. An Irishman by birth, and a count of the holy Roman empire. His Travels into Spain compose one volume in quarto. His lesser publications are Sketches on the Art of Painting; and a Survey of the Holy Roman Empire.

DIMSDALE, Thomas: a baron of the Russian empire, actual counsellor of state to her majesty the empress of all the Russias, M. P. and M. D. He is a gentleman of considerable fortune of the town of Hertford; but, overlooking this consideration, he consented, at the age of fifty years, to undertake a voyage to Russia to inoculate the Czarina. During his residence at St. Petersburg he was led to apprehend a fatal turn in her majesty's distemper, and consequently a premature conclusion of his own existence. He went a second time to Russia in 1779, to inoculate the children of the grand duke. He has published two pieces on inoculation; and was engaged in a controversy with doctor Lettsom, in which he opposed the plan for establishing a General Dispensary for inoculating the poor at their own houses.

DISNEY, John: D. D. He was a warm partisan in the cause of the petitioning clergy, and in the year 1782 resigned his vicarage of Swinderby in the county of Lincoln. He is joint preacher with Mr. Theophilus

ophilus Lindsey at a chapel in Essex-street in the Strand. He published Four Sermons on Christmas Day; Thoughts on Licensing Ale Houses; and Reasons for Resigning the Vicarage of Swinderby. He has also written Memoirs of doctor Arthur Ashley Sykes, a celebrated Socinian divine, in one volume octavo; and prefixed a life of John Jebb, M. D. to a late edition of his works. He is farther said to be compiling an account of the reverend doctor Jortin, author of the life of Erasmus.

DOBBS, Francis. An Irishman. Author of three pamphlets of twenty pages each: Letters to Lord North on the Affairs of Ireland; Thoughts on the Coalition; a Proposal for Introducing a New System of Taxes; together with a tragedy, intitled the Patriot Chief, or the Irish King.

DOBSON, Mary. Her first work was a Dialogue on Friendship and Society; and she has published an abridged Translation from the Italian of the Life of Petrarch;

and of the Memoirs of Chivalry of the abbe
le Saint Palaye.

DOUGLAS, John: D. D. F. R. S. and
bishop of Carlisle. He has made a dis-
tinguished figure in the republic of letters,
and has obtained a character as the de-
tector of literary imposture. His first con-
troverfry was with Mr. William Lauder, a
native of Scotland, and is not a little
curious. Mr. Lauder, for some particular
reasons, was desirous of fixing a charge of
plagiarism upon Milton; and for that pur-
pose produced extracts from Hoggæus, and
other unknown Latin poets, into which he
artfully foisted lines, and sometimes whole
passages, of his own, literally translated
from the Paradise Lost. This trick was
for some time completely successful. To
search into the unknown writers who were
quoted by Lauder, was too dreary and labo-
rious a task to expect that many persons
would undertake it. Doctor Douglas after-
wards entered the lists with George
Pfalmanazar and Archibald Bower, the one
pretending to have been a native of the
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island of Formosa in Asia, and the other a commissioner of the holy inquisition; and was equally victorious. He also wrote an answer to Hume upon Miracles, which is intitled the Criterion, and is a book of character. The last production of doctor Douglas is the preface to the third and last Voyage of Captain James Cook,

DOWNMAN, Hugh: M. D. A physician of Exeter. Author of a poem, intitled the Land of the Muses; a poem intitled Infancy; Lucius Junius Brutus, and Editha, two tragedies never performed; and translator of Lodbrog's Death Song.

DRINKWATER, John: a captain in the army. Author of a History of the Siege of Gibraltar in one volume quarto.

DUCHE, Jacob: a clergyman, and evening preacher at the Asylum in St. George's fields. During a considerable part of the late war he resided in America, and was chaplain to general Washington. But in the year 1778 he came over to this country, and
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obtained a considerable reputation as a popular preacher at Bow church in Cheapside. His Sermons were published in two volumes octavo; and he has presented the public with a translation of Caspripina's Letters.

DUDLEY, Henry Bate: a clergyman and one of the justices of peace for the county of Essex. He conducted for some years the newspaper, called the Morning Post, with considerable eclat, and having a dispute with the proprietors, he afterwards, in 1781, set up a paper in opposition to them, called the Morning Herald. One of the earliest incidents that brought his name into public notice, was a fracas that happened in 1773 between him and the late Thomas lord Lyttleton, respecting Mrs. Hartley, an actress, in Vauxhall Gardens. Mr. Bate, now Dudley, was at that time chiefly distinguished as a boxer, and lord Lyttleton brought one of his servants in disguise, to enter the lists with him in that species of engagement. Mr. Bate published an account of the affair, in which he expressed
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very serious apprehensions that lord Lyt-
tleton had a design upon his life. This,
we believe, was the last attempt of our au-
thor in the pathetic style. To him we are
indebted for two farces, written with confi-
derable elegance and spirit, and intitled the
Rival Candidates, and the Flich of Bacon.
He was very active in the party of Mr. Fox
in the late Westminster election in 1784.
He has also just published a pamphlet inti-
tled, Cursory Remarks on Mr. Gilbert's
last Bill for the Relief of the Poor.

DUIGENAN, Patrick : L. L. D. king's
professor of common law in Trinity college,
Dublin. He wrote one of the earliest
pamphlets which appeared upon the subject
of the insurrections in Munster, under the
title of an Address to the Nobility and Gen-
try of Ireland by a Layman, and with the
signature of Theophilus. This performance
is not distinguished by its liberality, but is
written with great acuteness and contro-
versial address.

DULANCEY, Oliver, A lieutenant colo-
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nel in the army, and one of the most considerable American Refugees. He published *Considerations on the Propriety of Taxing the Colonies*,

DUNBAR, James : L. L. D. professor of philosophy in King's college, Aberdeen. Author of *Essays on the History of Mankind* in one volume octavo.

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EDEN, William: L. L. D. M. P. his majesty's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the court of Madrid, an auditor and director of Greenwich Hospital, chancellor of Richmond, in the diocese of York, and a privy counsellor. Mr. Eden published in the year 1779, Four Letters to the earl of Carlisle upon various political topics, which were conceived to be written with great accuracy and information, and acquired a considerable reputation to their author. Mr. Eden had at that time the appointment of a lord of trade, and was soon after promoted to be chief secretary to the earl of Carlisle in his capacity of lord lieutenant of Ireland. He was one of the immediate agents in producing the celebrated coalition, and had the principal share in drawing up the reports of the committee

mittee of the house of commons to enquire into the means for the suppression of illicit trade, which were the foundation of the celebrated measure of the Commutation Act. Being invited in 1785 to accept the office of commissioner to the court of Versailles, for adjusting a commercial treaty between Great Britain and France, he quitted his connections with the party of Mr. Fox, and became an adherent to the present administration. Mr. Eden's negociations have hitherto been generally attended with the desired success. The character of his abilities is not energy, or even that perspicuity which illuminates its subjects by compressing them; but exertion and industry have raised him to some rank as a statesman. He is said to be the author of an octavo volume upon the Principle of the Penal Laws, published in the year 1770.

ELLIOT, Robert: a clergyman, and a person of some consequence in the sect called Methodists. He has published an essay, intitled Divine Revelation; a Vindication of
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the Doctrine of Vicarious Sacrifice; and several small pieces.

ELPHINSTONE, James: author of Education, a Poem; and a translation of Martial's Epigrams. He has been more than once engaged in controversy with the Monthly Reviewers. His last publication, intitled Propriety Ascertained in her Picture, is a propofal for new spelling the English language, of which project the work itself exhibits the specimen.

ENFIELD, William: L. L. D. a dissenting clergyman. He was originally brought up to a mechanical profession, and it was not till he was between twenty and thirty years of age that he was encouraged to apply himself solely to the cultivation of literature; but industry in some measure supplied in him the defect of genius and early institution. He was for some years tutor in the *belles lettres* at a dissenting academy at Warrington in Lancashire, and has now the care of a congregation in the city of Norwich. There have appeared of his own composition

composition, Sermons in two volumes duodecimo ; a volume of Biographical Sermons ; a series of Prayers for the Use of Families ; an Essay towards a History of Liverpool in one volume folio ; and Institutes of Natural Philosophy in one volume quarto ; and he has been the editor of the following compilations : The English Preacher, in nine volumes ; the Speaker, in one volume ; and Exercises in Elocution, being the second part of the Speaker.

EON, d'. This very extraordinary woman lived more than twenty years in a public station, in the disguise and under the character of a man. She was secretary to the French embassy at London of the count de Guerchy, and was instrumental in negotiating the peace of Paris in 1763. Her *Lettres, Memoires & Negotiations* were published in quarto in the year 1764. She also wrote *Memoire des Finances*, in two volumes duodecimo ; *Ses Loixirs en Angleterre*, in fourteen volumes octavo ; a Life of the Czarina Eudoxia Foederowna, consort to Peter the Great ; and a Letter to the Count de Guerchy. Her sex at length became

became a topic for public suspicion, and the speculation of gamesters, and was authentically ascertained in a trial before lord Mansfield, founded upon one of these speculations. Upon this occasion madame d'Eon quitted Great Britain, and travelled to France and Russia; but she has since returned, and fixed her principal residence in this country. She is much celebrated for her skill in fencing, tennis, and other manly exercises.

ERSKINE, David: earl of Buchan, in the kingdom of Scotland. This nobleman has distinguished himself by some political speeches, a few pieces of fugitive poetry, and some letters, in which he warmly embraced the party of Mary queen of Scots, and her champion doctor Gilbert Stuart, against doctor Robertson, principal of the university of Edinburgh. He was active in procuring the institution of the Scottish society of antiquaries in 1780; and he delivered in that society a posthumous character of doctor Stuart, which was not particularly favourable to the memory of that great author

author. A Speech to the Scottish antiquaries of a more recent date, is not less curious: His lordship states the number of volumes that have been discovered at Herculaneum; calculates the number of volumes that have been lost of Livy, Tacitus, Sallust, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aëxus, Menander, Aristophanes, Polybius, Trogus Pompeius, &c. &c. &c. and, finding the former much greater than the latter, justly concludes, that the whole of these long lost and much lamented classics is contained in the collection at Herculaneum. In the latter part of the speech, lord Buchan mentions with applause, professor White's projected works upon the antiquities of Egypt; and Mr. Herbert Croft's dictionary of the English language; and observes upon the greatness of the industry and talents, that are requisite to enable "one man," to pursue two so extensive projects at the same time. The earl of Buchan will hereafter be better known as the brother of Mr. Henry Erskine late lord advocate of Scotland, and Mr. Thomas Erskine, attorney general to the prince

prince of Wales, a distinguished pleader at the English bar.

ESTE, Charles: a clergyman. He had formerly some share in the conduct of the newspaper, called the Morning Post, and is now principal director in ordinary of the newspaper, intitled the World. He published in 1787, in reply to some flurs which he conceived were cast upon him in the Morning Post, a small pamphlet, intitled My Own Life.

EVANS, Caleb: an anabaptist clergyman of the city of Bristol. He is reckoned an acute disputant, and has been engaged in several petty controversies, theological and political.

EVANSON, Edward: one of the list of those clergyman, who have resigned their preferments in the church under the influence of conscientious scruples. He has published some sermons; and a Letter to bishop Hurd on the subject of the Prophecies.

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FARMER, Richard: D. D. principal librarian to the university of Cambridge, and master of Emanuel college in that university. He is one of the numerous commentators of Shakespear, and published a volume intituled, An Essay on the Learning of Shakespear.

FELL, John: a dissenting clergyman, and tutor in divinity to an academy at Homerton. He published a volume upon the Demoniackal Possessions of the New Testament, in answer to Mr. Hugh Farmer, and in defence of the received opinions upon that subject.

FERGUSON, Adam: L. L. D. late professor of moral philosophy in the university of Edinburgh. His first publication was a Syllabus of his lectures in one volume duodecimo.

duodecimo. He has also written an Essay on Civil Society in one volume quarto; and a History of the Roman Republic in three volumes quarto. The works on the last subject, which stand in competition with that of doctor Ferguson, are, The Roman History of Hooke in four volumes quarto, and the *Revolutions du Gouvernement de la République Romaine par M. l'abbé Vertot* in three volumes duodecimo, which, in proportion to its size, is not inferior perhaps to any historical performance that was ever produced.

FINNEY, . The reputed editor in ordinary of the newspaper called The Morning Herald.

FITZPATRICK, Richard: brother to the earl of Upper Ossory in the kingdom of Ireland, a colonel in the army, aid de camp to the king, and a privy counsellor. He was chief secretary in 1782 to the duke of Portland in his capacity of lord lieutenant of Ireland, and was secretary at war for Great Britain, during the period in which that no-

bleman was first lord of the treasury. He is the author of some Prologues and Epilogues, and is supposed to have contributed to the celebrated publications of the Rolliad and the Probationary Odes. These performances were the effort of the party of Mr. Fox in gay and humorous satire, with a considerable dash of personality. They have been very successful in amusing the nation, but they do not appear likely to precipitate the downfall of the minister.

FLETCHER, John: an adherent and confidential friend of the celebrated Mr. John Wesley. He has published a first, second, third, fourth and fifth Check to Antinomianism; a Vindication of Wesley's calm Address to the American Colonies; and several other pamphlets.

FLETCHER, : a native of Scotland. He has written several pamphlets in favour of the meditated reform of the internal government of the Scottish boroughs.

FORDYCE, James: D. D. brother to Sir William

William Fordyce, baronet, a considerable physician, and to the celebrated banker of that name. Doctor Fordyce is a clergyman of the church of Scotland; but has resided for the last twenty years in South Britain. In the former part of that term he was a preacher in London with a most extraordinary and unprecedented degree of popularity. His Sermons to Young Women in two volumes duodecimo, are a performance of considerable merit. They were followed, some years after, by a series of addresses to Young Men in three volumes, duodecimo. His Poems published in 1787, are insipid and ridiculous. His present residence is in the neighbourhood of the earl of Bute, in the county of Southampton.

FOSTERS, George and John Reinhold. These gentlemen, father and son, are Germans, and came over to England about twenty years since, in consequence of some expectations they had built upon the patronage of her majesty. Mr. George Foster published a well written account of one of the Voyages of Captain Cook, in which he

was an adventurer, in two volumes quarto. Under the name of the latter have appeared, Introduction to Mineralogy ; a Catalogue of Animals and Plants in North America ; Translations of the Voyages of Osbeck, Kalm, Boffu and others ; and a Collection of Voyages and Discoveries in the North, in one volume quarto. *Characteres Generum Plantarum quas in Itinere ad Insulas Maris Australis collegerunt*, appears to be the production of both the brothers, and a pamphlet, intituled, *Tableau de l'Angleterre*, privately circulated in the year 1785, has been attributed to them, and considered as the offspring of their disappointment and revenge in failing of the patronage and countenance they expected.

Fox, Charles James: M. P. son to Henry first lord Holland of Foxley, and a privy counsellor. The reputation of Mr. Fox as a statesman, stands higher than that of any other man in this country. But a majority of the people of England have been led to regard him with an eye of suspicion, in consequence of the very extraordinary

dinary manner in which his paternal fortune was dissipated, and his long habits of attachment to the gaming table. He was born in January 1749, and was brought into parliament at the general election in March 1768. In February 1770 he was appointed one of the lords of admiralty, and soon after a lord of the board of treasury. In consequence of an altercation with lord North, he was dismissed from his office in 1774, and from that time gradually rose to the first rank in opposition. In March 1782, he was appointed one of his majesty's principal secretaries of state, and, having soon after resigned, was reappointed to that office in April 1783. His coalition with lord North, and his bill for regulating the government of the territories of the East India company, raised an universal outcry against him, and he was driven from office in the close of that year. His eloquence is of the most elevated kind, argumentative, energetic, and impetuous, and forms a strong contrast to the deliberate enunciation and the artificial cadences of Mr. Pitt. His literary essays consist merely of two copies of

verses, one, an Invocation to Poetry ; and the other, Lines addressed to Mrs. Crew of Cheshire. Of our great parliamentary speakers Mr. Burke is the single individual who has given permanence to his eloquence, and enabled future ages, as well as the present, to decide upon his literary merit. But though Mr. Fox has done nothing of this kind, yet his friends appear to have exerted a considerable portion of assiduity, and the speeches upon his own East India bill, and upon the Irish propositions, seem to be no inadequate representations of the style and manner of this celebrated statesman.

FRANCIS, Philip : M. P. He was first introduced to public notice by the bill of lord North, in 1773, for regulating the territories of the East India company, by which he, sir John Clavering and colonel Monson were appointed members of the supreme council of Bengal, together with Mr. Hastings, governor general, and Mr. Barwel. The pertinacious opposition, which broke out between these two parties in that government,

ment, is sufficiently memorable. Soon after his return Mr. Francis published, in a thin quarto, an Extract of Minutes relative to the Bengal Revenues, together with a Plan of Settlement, recommended to the court of directors. Mr. Francis was brought into parliament at the general election in May 1784; and he has published a Speech delivered in the session of 1785, and two Speeches delivered in the session of 1786. He has been charged by the friends of Mr. Hastings with having published, with an invidious commentary, a Letter of that gentleman on the subject of monies privately received; and Observations on the Defence of Mr. Hastings, so far as relates to the Rohilla war; the former of which he has strenuously denied.

FRANCIS, Anne: a poetess. The author of a Poetical Translation of the Song of Solomon, Obsequies of Demetrius Poliorcetes, and Charlotte to Werter, a Poetical Epistle.

FRANKLIN, Benjamin: L. L. D. a native

tive of the province of New England, in North America. The turn of his mind appears originally to have been to natural philosophy. He published, many years since, a quarto volume on the subject of electricity, and was the original inventor of the electrical conductor. He also digested a plan for the establishment of a post in America, which was adopted, and he appointed post master general. In 1774, he published letters of Mr. Hutchinson, governor, and Mr. Oliver, lieutenant governor of the province of Massachusetts-bay, which contributed greatly to inflame the rising discontents of America. Doctor Franklin indeed acknowledged, that he had been the immediate instrument of privately removing them from a house, in which they had casually fallen under his notice; but unfortunately, previous to this acknowledgment, the circumstance had occasioned a duel between two gentlemen of the names of Wheatley and Temple. Upon this occasion he was deprived of his office of post master general; and his abilities greatly contributed to the success of the American cause, and particularly

cularly to the alliance, which was formed between France and America in 1778. A volume of Miscellanies by doctor Franklin was published in 1778, and his name appeared to a Report, drawn up by order of the court of France, upon the subject of what has been styled Animal Magnetism, in 1784. The sources of his reputation are well expressed in a verse, inscribed by Mr. Turgot, comptroller general of the finances of France in the beginning of the reign of Lewis XVI. under a portrait of doctor Franklin :

Eripuit fulmen cælo, mox sceptrum tyrannis.

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GALLOWAY, Joseph. A member of the American Congress, but who afterwards deserted his party, and became a refugee in this country. He published several temporary pamphlets, addressed to Sir William Howe and others, in which he endeavoured to prove, that the ill success of the war was wholly owing to the misconduct of individuals.

GEDDES, Alexander : D. D. a Roman Catholic clergyman. He has undertaken a new translation of the bible, of which he published a Prospectus in the year 1786. In 1787, he published a pamphlet, addressed to doctor Priestley, in defence of the received doctrine of the Trinity.

GERARD, Alexander : D. D. a clergyman of the church of Scotland, and professor

for of divinity in King's college, Aberdeen. He is the author of two treatises on Taste and Genius, one in duodecimo, and the other in octavo. He has also published two volumes of Sermons ; and a treatise on the Genius and Evidences of Christianity, in one volume octavo.

GIBBON, Edward. In the earlier part of his life (1761) he published a small volume, in French, on the study of literature. His History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, of which one volume appeared in the year 1776, and two more in 1782, has acquired him a very elevated and extensive reputation. The style is not distinguished by easy and natural beauties, and he is never either pathetic or sublime. But his work is a very valuable present to the republic of letters. His learning is beyond all example, his judgment sound, his mind penetrating and sagacious, and his talent of ridicule agreeable and exquisite. Upon the subject of the establishment of Christianity in the time of Constantine, he indulged a latitudinarianism of sentiment, which

which raised him, particularly among the divines, an infinite number of opposers. A pamphlet which he wrote in reply to their attacks, added considerably to his reputation. Wherever they encountered him in matters of learning, they were compleatly foiled; and he manifested through the whole a high degree of equanimity of mind, and shrewdness of argumentation. The answerer, who suffered most from his detection, was a Mr. Davis; and he paid considerable compliments to the talents and urbanity of doctor Watson, now bishop of Landaff. He was brought into parliament in the year 1774, and in 1777 appointed one of the lords of trade. Upon this occasion he was accused of having deserted the principles of the popular party. In 1783, Mr. Gibbon retired to Laufannē, in order to complete the three remaining volumes of his history, which begins from the death of Trajan, and comes down to the capture of Constantinople by the Turks, embracing a period of one thousand three hundred years. He returned to his country in the autumn of 1787.

GILBERT,

GILBERT, Thomas: M. P. and chairman of the committee of supply and ways and means in the house of commons. His exertions have for several years been directed to a reform of the poor laws, and he has published two small pamphlets on the subject; A Plan for the Relief of the Poor; and Observations on the Poor Laws.

GILLIES, John: L. L. D. translator of the Orations of Lyfias and Isocrates in two volumes quarto; and author of a History of Ancient Greece in the same size, which appeared in the year 1786. In this latter work doctor Gillies was in some degree fortunate, that he had not had a predecessor in the preceding age who could be in any degree a formidable competitor. The work of Rollin, the only one which was read, is extremely unequal, and is rather to be considered as a narrative of particular points in the Grecian history, than as a regular detail of their transactions. But in the year 1784 one volume in quarto of a History of Greece had appeared by William Mitford, colonel of the Hampshire militia, and now member

member of parliament for Newport in the county of Cornwall; and with this work that of doctor Gillies was assiduously compared. The doctor professed to have finished his performance before the appearance of his competitor; but, notwithstanding this, he has been charged with having committed some depredations upon the volume of Mitford. Neither of these historians is a fine writer; but the publication of each partakes in some degree of the authors situation in the world. Mr. Mitford has more of good sense, of original thinking, and of the features of a gentleman; doctor Gillies is pedantic, undiscriminating, the slave of authority, and, with a frigid imagination, affecting a style extremely florid and rhetorical.

GILLIES, John: D. D. a native of Scotland. He published in 1788, an edition of Milton's Paradise Lost, illustrated with texts of Scripture, in one volume duodecimo.

GILPIN, William: a clergyman residing
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near Lymington, in Hampshire. A biographical writer of considerable merit. His works are a Life of Wickliffe, Hufs, and other reformers, in one volume octavo; and of Bernard Gilpin, Latimer and Cranmer, in three volumes octavo. He has published Lectures on the Church Catechism, in two volumes duodecimo; and has also distinguished himself in the art of drawing, and has published Picturesque Views upon the river Wye, in the county of Westmoreland.

GLASSE, Henry: the translator of Mason's *Charactacus* into Greek.

GODWIN, William: late a dissenting clergyman. He published in the year 1783, a small volume of Sermons with the whimsical title of *Sketches of History*. There also appeared about the same time a pamphlet which has been imputed to him, intitled the *Herald of Literature*, or a Review of the most considerable Publications that will be made in the ensuing winter. The design is to exhibit an imitation of the style of cer-

tain celebrated writers, together with an estimate of their respective merits.

GOUGH, R . Author of anecdotes of British Topography in one volume quarto; and of a work, intituled Bibliotheca Topographica Britannica, published in numbers.

GRAHAM, Catherine Macaulay: sister to John Sawbridge of Olantigh, in the county of Kent, esquire, and alderman and M. P. for the city of London. Her first husband was doctor Kenneth Macaulay, a clergyman of the church of Scotland, and her second a Mr. Graham, brother to the celebrated doctor James Graham, late of the Temple of Health, Pall-mall. She first distinguished herself by the publication of a History of England, from the accession of King James the First; the first volume of which was published in 1763. She was highly applauded by the advocates of democracy, in which party she enlisted herself, and was ridiculed upon the stage by Mr. Samuel Foote in his comedy of the Devil upon

upon two Sticks. Her history is now complete to the year 1741 in nine volumes quarto. She has also published a Reply to Mr. Edmund Burke's Thoughts on the Causes of the Present Discontents; Remarks on Mr. Hobbes's Principles of Government; a Modest Plea for the Property of Copy Right; An Address to the People of England, Scotland and Ireland; and a Treatise on the Immutability of Truth in one volume octavo. Her style is loose, incoherent, and ungrammatical, though she cannot be denied the credit of some independency of thinking. Her present husband, though extremely attentive to her, is said to entertain such a fondness for money, as to oblige her to live without a servant, and to officiate himself in the characters of cook and chamber-maid.

GRANT, James: L. L. D. Said to be one of the authors of the English Review.

GRANT, James: an advocate at the Scottish bar. Author of a thin quarto upon the Origin of Society, Language, &c. &c.

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GREEN, Valentine. A member of the royal academy of painting, and author of a pamphlet, intitled Review of the Polite Arts in France.

GREATHEAD, Samuel: son of lady Mary Greathead, and nephew to the duke of Ancafter. Mr. Greathead, when in Italy, was a contributor to a collection of pieces in profe and verfe, fuperintended by Mrs. Piozzi, and intitled the Florence Miscellany. He has lately prefented the world with a tragedy, performed at Drury-lane theatre, and intitled the Regent, which has not altogether answered the expectations that had been formed of his abilities.

GREGORY, G : a clergyman. Author of a volume of Effays Historical and Moral; of a volume of Sermons; and tranflator of Lowth's Prelections upon Hebrew Poetry. He has in the prefs a work of philofophical nature, intitled the System of Nature Delineated.

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ion, and author of an Ode of Indifference, together with some other fugitive poetical pieces.

GRIFFITHS, Frances: a female author. She wrote in conjunction with her husband some volumes of Letters, under the title of Henry and Frances, which attracted the notice and patronage of the late duke of Bedford, at that time lord lieutenant of Ireland. She has also produced four comedies; the School for Rakes; the Dupe; a Wife in the Right; and the Times: some novels: a volume, intitled the Morality of Shakespear's Drama Illustrated; and Essays to Young Married Women.

GRIFFITHS, Richard; proprietor, and an occasional writer in the Monthly Review. He is the brother-in-law of the late doctor Rose of Chiswick.

GROSE, Francis: F. R. and A. S. S. and late a captain in the Essex militia. Author of Antiquities of England and Wales in four volumes quarto. Beside the know-

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ledge he possesses in this branch of literature, Mr. Grose is possessed of considerable humour, and is the reputed author particularly of a Classical Dictionary of the Vulgar Tongue in one volume octavo.

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HALHED, Nathaniel Brassey. Editor of a Code of Gentoo laws in one volume quarto, and author of a Grammar of the Bengal Language.

HALIFAX, Samuel: D. D. bishop of Gloucester. He published a volume of Sermons preached at Lincoln's Inn, at the lecture instituted by the late bishop Warburton for the illustration of the prophecies. He was also the editor of the Posthumous Sermons of doctor Ogden, and was in that character engaged in a controversy with Mr. Mainwaring, upon the question, whether or no a divine may be permitted to interweave into his composition passages of scripture, without a strict attention to the abstract and critical sense of the passages, considered with the context in which they stand.

HAMILTON,

HAMILTON, fir William: his majesty's envoy extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the court of Naples, K. B. and F. R. S. Author of *Antiquités Etrusques, Grecques and Romaines* in two volumes folio; *Campi Phlegraei* in two volumes folio; and *Observations on the Volcanos of the Two Sicilies* in two volumes folio.

HARDWICKE, earl of. See YORKE.

HARGRAVE, Francis: a barrister of some reputation. Author of *Remarks on the Case of James Somerfet, a Negro Slave*; and an *Argument in defence of Literary Property*; and editor of *State Trials*, in eleven volumes folio.

HARMER, Thomas: a dissenting clergyman of the county of Suffolk; He is the author of *Outlines of a Commentary upon Solomon's Song* in one volume octavo; and *Observations on Divers Passages of Scripture, occasioned by circumstances incidentally mentioned in the Eastern travellers*, which has lately been enlarged

enlarged from one to four volumes in octavo. This is a performance of theological reputation.

HARTLEY, David: late member of parliament for Hull in Yorkshire, and commissioner to negotiate a treaty of commerce with the United States of America. He published a speech on the American War; and two Letters to the Committee of the Yorkshire Association on the same subject.

HARWOOD, Edward: D. D. a dissenting clergyman. Author of, what he denominates, a liberal translation of the New Testament, which has deservedly been made an object of continual ridicule. He has published a useful Catalogue of the Different Editions of the Classic Authors, which may be regarded as a record of unparalleled industry. It appears from his own declarations, that he has read Livy and the more voluminous classic writers six and seven times over, and that not only in one, but in each of the different editions which have appeared of these authors. He has written
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an Introduction to the Study of the New Testament in two volumes octavo; and several fugitive pieces of Polemical theology, and subsists as an itinerant teacher of languages in this metropolis.

HASTED, Edward. Author of a History of Kent in two volumes folio.

HASTINGS, Warren: late governor general of Bengal. He has published a Narrative of the Revolution at Benares; a Review of the State of Bengal, during the three last months of his residence; and some smaller pieces relative to his late administration. His style in some degree resembles what his conduct has been said to have been, great indeed and sublime, but irregular, unequal, and obscure.

HATSELL, John: clerk of the house of commons. Author of Cases of Privilege of Parliament; and Precedents of Proceedings in the House of Commons.

HAWKESBURY, lord. See JENKINSON.

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HAWES, William: M. D. Writer of an Account of the last Illness of Doctor Oliver Goldsmith; an Examination of Wesley's Primitive Physic; an Address against too hasty Interments; and some pamphlets in recommendation of the Humane Society.

HAWKINS, Sir John: knight. Author of a History of Music in three volumes quarto, and a Life of Doctor Samuel Johnson, in one volume octavo.

HAYES, Samuel: a clergyman, and one of the ushers of Westminster school. He has been frequently a successful candidate for the Seatonian price in the university of Cambridge; and his poems have been regularly published at the time they were produced. Their titles are Duelling; Prayer; Prophecy; Nativity; Ascension; Hope; &c.

HAYLEY, William: a gentleman of small fortune at Eartham in the neighbourhood of Chichester in the county of Suffex. He has presented the world with a variety of poetical productions. An
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Epistle to an Eminent Painter, [Mr. Romney]; an Ode to Howard; an Essay on History; an Essay on Epic Poetry; the Triumphs of Temper, a poem in six books; and a volume of Plays, containing two tragedies and three comedies, the latter of which are in rhyme. Previous to publication they had never been performed; but the comedy of the Connoisseurs, and the tragedy of Lord Russel, have since been played at Mr. Colman's theatre in the Haymarket. He is also the supposed author of Essays upon Old Maids in three volumes duodecimo; and a small Dialogue comparing the characters of lord Chesterfield and doctor Samuel Johnson. As a poet, Mr. Hayley is not wholly destitute of merit, but he is hasty and incorrect. His most material defect is a total want of energy and compression, whether we consider the images of his fancy, or the style of his composition. In his prose there is an affectation of singularity, that is not always correspondent with the interests of virtue.

HEATHCOTE, Ralph: D. D. a clergy-
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man in the neighbourhood of Leicester. He is the author of a pamphlet, intitled the Use of Reason Asserted; of Remarks on the Sermons of doctor Thomas Patten; and a Sketch of lord Bolingbroke's Philosophy. He had some share in the compilation of the Biographical Dictionary in twelve volumes octavo; and is the author of a quarto volume, intitled Irenicum; and a small collection of Essays, under the title of Sylva, or the Wood. His style is agreeable, and his thoughts novel, ingenious, and interesting.

HELME, . Authorefs of a novel, intitled Louisa, or the Cottage on the Moor; and of Clara and Emmeline, or the Maternal Benediction.

HENLEY, Samuel : a clergyman, and late one of the under-masters of Harrow school. He is the author of some pieces of fugitive poetry.

HENRY, Robert : D. D. a clergyman of the church of Scotland, and one of the ministers

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nisters of Edinburgh. He is the author of a diffusive History of Great Britain from the invasion of Julius Cæsar, of which five quartos have already appeared, bringing down the narrative to the accession of Henry the Seventh in 1485. The work of doctor Henry is distributed after the manner of Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, into different chapters, treating respectively of the affairs of the church, the parliamentary transactions, &c. &c. during each given period. This is a species of composition which can never be regularly perused, but which may be useful to be occasionally consulted, and doctor Henry has at least some of the qualifications requisite in a dictionary maker.

HERON, Robert. See PINKERTON.

HERSCHEL, William: L.L.D. F.R. S. a native of Germany, patronised by his present majesty, and who resides at in the neighbourhood of Windsor. Dr. Herschel has become celebrated through every nation of Europe by his important discoveries relatively

tively to the system of the universe. The most considerable of these discoveries is that of the Georgium Sidus, the most distant planet in the solar system, and of its satellites.

HEWLET, John: a clergyman and school-master. He published in 1787 a volume of Sermons which met with success; and a Chart of English History for the Use of Schools, in Imitation of the Plan of the Dissected Maps.

HEY, Richard: L. L. D. a successful candidate for the prizes attributed to the best prose essays in the university of Cambridge.

HILL, sir Richard: baronet and M. P. A celebrated leader among the religious sect of the methodists, in that division of the sect which professes the tenets of Mr. Whitfield. He is the author of *Pietas Oxoniensis*; the Shaver; and several other pamphlets, relative to the expulsion of Mr. Rowland Hill his brother, and five other students

students from the university of Oxford in 1768, whose crime was that of preaching and praying in private houses. He also entered the lists with Mr. John Wesley, and published in particular a pamphlet, intitled *Farrago*, and designed to contrast the inconsistent sentiments of that voluminous author. His parliamentary declamations against the coalition are well known.

HOLCROFT, Thomas. He is a considerable instance of the power of genius and ability in raising their possessor from the lowest situations to some degree of excellence. His original situation, we believe, was that of a stable boy. He afterwards was apprenticed to the trade of a shoemaker; and having followed that occupation for several years, his third character was that of a comedian. He was prompter to a theatre in Dublin, and engaged in many strolling companies. He appeared for some successive seasons at the theatre of Drury-lane, but never attracted the public notice. *Duplicity*, a comedy, the first literary production of Mr. Holcroft,

croft, was performed at Covent Garden in the year 1782. His subsequent productions have been the Noble Peasant, an opera; the Cholerick Fathers, an opera; the Follies of a Day, a comedy translated from Beaumarchais; and Seduction, a comedy. In his original pieces there is a considerable degree of merit. His translations are the Essays of Obsonville; the Tales of the Castle, [*Veillées du Château*] and Sacred Dramas of Madame de Genlis; Caroline of Lichtfield; the Loves of Peter the Long; the Life of Frederick Baron Trenck, &c. &c. He has also published a collection of tales in two volumes duodecimo, under the title of the Family Picture; an Elegy on the Death of Mr. Samuel Foote; and the Sceptic, a successful imitation of the humorous poetry of Prior.

HOLMES, Robert: B. D. professor of poetry in the university of Oxford. He published in 1783 a volume of Sermons at Bampton's lecture; and in 1788, a Proposal for a Collation of all the Manuscripts of

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the Septuagint version of the Old Testament.

HOLROYD, John: lord Sheffield of the kingdom of Ireland, and M. P. He is the author of two octavo volumes upon the subject of commerce, the one relative to the trade of America and the other to the trade of Ireland. These books have been much read, and been the subject of many answers.

HOLWELL, John Zephaniah. He was formerly one of the servants of the East India company, and is in the list of those persons who were fortunate enough to escape alive from the confinement in the Black Hole at Calcutta. Of this adventure he published an account, as well as several pamphlets upon the subject of India, particularly a work in three parts intitled, Events relative to Bengal and Indostan. His sentiments upon religious subjects are not a little singular and superstitious, and were given by him to the public in a pamphlet intitled, Dissertations on the Origin of Intelligent Beings and Divine Providence.

HOME,

HOME, John: late a clergyman of the church of Scotland. He produced in the year 1756, a tragedy intitled Douglas, which was not more distinguished by the universal and uncommon applause it received, than by the illiberal persecution it excited against its author in the presbytery of Scotland. Driven from his original profession, he experienced the protection and favour of the earl of Bute, and obtained a pension at the same time with doctor Samuel Johnson. The tragedy of Douglas is a performance of considerable excellence, and much superior to any thing in that species of poetry, which has appeared since the days of Rowe. The high value at which it was estimated by many persons of the Scottish nation, may be guessed at from a humorous anecdote, which has been related of a Scotchman in the pit of Drury-lane play-house at the first exhibition of Mr. Home's production. Struck with the beauties of the drama before him, and stung with indignation at the nationality of the inhabitants of South Britain, he could not refrain from exclaiming with

an air of triumph “ *Whor’s your Wully Shaksjur now?*” He has since written several tragedies, all of them much inferior to that of Douglas: *Agis*; the *Siege of Aquileia*; the *Fatal Discovery*; and *Alonzo*.

HOOLE, Charles: a clergyman, and son to the translator of Tasso. He is the author of *Modern Manners*, a series of letters in imitation of the *Bath Guide*; *Aurelia*, a mock heroic poem; the *Curate*, a poem; and a volume of *Sermons*.

HOOLE, John: late writer and compiler of correspondence to the East India company. He is the author of a translation of the *Jerusalem* of Tasso, the *Dramatic Works* of Metastasio, and the *Orlando* of Ariosto. He has also produced three tragedies: *Cyrus*; and *Timanthes*; both imitated from Metastasio: and *Cleonice*.

HOOPER, William. One of those industrious gentlemen who have distinguished themselves in the employment of turning
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books out of one language into another. He has translated Helvetius; Baron Bielfield's Letters; Elements of Universal Erudition by the same author; and the Idyls of Gessner. He has also written a book in the department of mathematics, intitled Rational Recreations, in four volumes octavo.

HOPKINS, Richard: a clergyman, and author of an Appeal to the Common Sense of all Christian People respecting the Doctrine of the Trinity. This book was written with the particular design of adapting what has been called the Arian argument to all capacities, and was greatly applauded by the author of the Confessional. It however contains nothing that is either very new or striking. It was answered by the reverend Mr. Jones.

HORNE, George: D. D. dean of Canterbury, and president of Magdalen-college, Oxford. He has published two volumes of Sermons on several Subjects; a Commentary on the Book of Psalms in two Volumes

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octavo ; and Letters on Infidelity in one volume duodecimo.

HORNE. See TOOKE.

HORSLEY, Samuel: D. D. F. R. S. lord bishop of St. David's. Doctor Horsley married his maid-servant, and is the editor of the late edition of Sir Isaac Newton's Principia. He was the principal leader in the contest in 1783 with sir Joseph Banks, respecting his conduct as president of the Royal Society, and delivered several very eloquent Speeches upon the occasion. Doctor Horsley has also been engaged in the controversy with doctor Priestley, in relation to the sentiments, entertained in the early ages of christianity, in relation to the doctrine of the Trinity; in which he has been regarded by the established clergy as having essentially served the cause of the church of England. The controversy was opened by a Charge delivered to the clergy of the district of St. Alban's, and has been followed by doctor Horsley in two different pamphlets in rejoinder

joinder to the objections of doctor Priestley. Doctor Horsley prepared in the year 1787 a pamphlet upon the subject of the meditated repeal of the corporation and test acts, which has not hitherto been published.

HOWARD, John : F. R. S. This is the celebrated character who has visited the several prisons of Europe, undergone infinite labours, and exposed himself to continual danger for the cause of suffering humanity. He has been celebrated in a very beautiful and animated character by Mr. Burke in his Speech at Bristol, and by Mrs. Inchbald in a very popular play intitled, Such Things Are. A plan was formed in the year 1786 for erecting a monument in honour of Mr. Howard; but, after a very large sum had been subscribed, the project was checked by his friends, and entirely suppressed upon his return to England by his personal interference. Upon this occasion Mr. Pratt contributed a poem intitled, the Triumphs of Benevolence, which was considerably admired. Mr. Howard has published an
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account of the State of Prisons in different parts of the world.

HOWARD, Frederic: earl of Carlisle. The writer of several fugitive pieces of poetry; and a tragedy intitled the Father's Revenge, which has hitherto only been handed about in private.

HOWE, sir William: knight of the Bath, late commander in chief of the forces in North America, and lieutenant general of the ordnance. His conduct encountered severe animadversion from Mr. Joseph Galloway, an American refugee, and a multitude of anonymous writers. Like the rest of the military commanders in the late war, he published a pamphlet intitled a Narrative, &c.

HOWLET, John: a clergyman of Dunmow in the county of Essex. He has been engaged in controversy with doctor Price and others in vindication of the flourishing state of population in Great Britain.

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HULL, Thomas: one of the actors of Covent Garden theatre, and for some time deputy manager of that company. He is the author of *Henry the Second, or the Fall of Rosamond*, a tragedy: and *Plantagenet*, a Legendary Tale; and editor of two volumes of *Letters of the late Duchess of Somerset* and others.

HUNTER, Henry: D. D. a clergyman of the church of Scotland, and preacher to the Scottish church in the neighbourhood of Moorfields. Doctor Hunter published in the year 1769 an *History of the Life of Jesus Christ* in two volumes duodecimo; and is the author of *Lectures upon Sacred Biography*, of which three volumes in octavo have been published. They are written in an amusing and agreeable manner, and display the marks of feeling and good sense. He is publishing in numbers a translation of *Essays on Physiognomy* by John Gaspard Lavater, a minister of Switzerland.

HUNTER, John: M. D. F. R. S. surgeon extraordinary to his majesty, and one of the surgeons

surgeons to St. George's hospital. He was originally bred to the trade of a carpenter; but his own eminent abilities, and the assistance of his brother doctor William Hunter, late physician extraordinary to the queen, speedily raised him above the obscurity of his situation. He has the reputation of being the most skilful anatomist in Great Britain. Doctor Hunter has published a Practical Treatise on the Diseases of the Teeth.

HUNTINGFORD, George James: a clergyman. Author of an Introduction to the writing of Greek; and a collection of Greek verses under the title of *Monostrophica*.

HURD, Richard: D. D. bishop of Worcester, and clerk of the closet to the King. He was originally settled in his profession in a very retired situation at Thurcaston, in the county of Leicester; and in a dedication to doctor Warburton, prefixed to an edition of Horace's *Ars Poetica*, and *Epistola ad Augustum*, he expresses in very warm terms his attachment to an obscure station. He produced

duced soon after a volume of Dialogues, which, in imitation of Cicero, were supposed to pass between real characters; Letters on Chivalry and Romance; and a pamphlet in reply to Hume's Natural History of Religion, "which," says that illustrious author, "is written with all the illiberal petulance, arrogance and scurrility, which distinguish the Warburtonian school." He was also editor of Select Works of Cowley in two volumes duodecimo. Doctor Hurd was soon after chosen preacher of Lincoln's Inn Chapel; and in that situation delivered and published the first series of Sermons that were preached at the lecture, instituted by his friend bishop Warburton, for the illustration of the prophecies. About this time he became the object of the particular patronage of earl Mansfield, and was successively appointed preceptor to the prince of Wales, and bishop of Worcester. During this period he published Sermons on various Subjects in two volumes octavo. In 1782 he had the honour of refusing the dignity of archbishop of Canterbury.

The distinguishing feature of the mind of bishop Hurd seems to be intellectual cowardice. From this propensity he suppressed a life of bishop Warburton, his original patron, which is said to contain many free things of living characters, and was intended to be prefixed to an edition of the Works of Warburton just published, but which is reserved to appear after the death of its author. Early in life he exhibited a blameable degree of conformity to this celebrated despot, in an Essay on the Delicacy of Friendship, intended to arraign the conduct of doctor Jortin, who had been guilty of some degree of rebellion against his literary chief. This pamphlet doctor Hurd has since taken much pains to buy up and suppress.

HURTLEY, Thomas. He published in the year 1786 a Concise Account of some Natural Curiosities in the Environs of Malham in Craven in Yorkshire, to which were added some curious particulars of the life and character of major general Lambert.

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HUTCHINSON, John Hely: his majesty's principal secretary of state for the kingdom of Ireland, provost of Trinity-college, Dublin and a privy counsellor. He published in 1779 a book of some reputation, intitled the Commercial Restraints of Ireland considered; and a Letter written by him appeared in 1785, addressed to his constituents of the city of Cork in defence of Mr. Pitt's Irish propositions. This letter is written with great elegance and moderation.

HUTTON, Charles: F. R. S. He was one of the principal subjects of contest in the celebrated disputes in the Royal Society between doctor Horsley and sir Joseph Banks. He possessed at that time the appointment of corresponding secretary to that learned body, from which he was removed upon the instigation of sir Joseph Banks, in consideration of his residence being at the distance of some miles from London. He is considered as a very able mathematician, and is the author of several pieces relative to that science.

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JACKSON, : a musical composer of some reputation residing in the city of Exeter. He has published *Thirty Letters on Various Subjects* in two volumes duodecimo, which are distinguished for several singular opinions, and particularly for an eulogium of the poetical merit of Mr. Francis Quarles.

JEFFERSON, John: ambassador from the United States of America to the court of Versailles. He published in 1787 *Notes on the State of Virginia* in one volume octavo. This is a book of some character.

JENKINSON, Charles : lord Hawkesbury. He is the son of a clergyman in Oxfordshire, and his first prospects in life do not appear to have been flattering. Having left the university

versity, he engaged with Mr. Richard Griffiths, editor of the Monthly Review, to furnish an account of political publications. He resided for some time in the house of his employer; and secret history adds, that Mr. Griffiths was so blind to that merit, which has since been discovered in him, as to say in confidence to some of his friends, that Mr. Jenkinson was the worst reviewer he ever had. About this time it is reported, that he produced a ballad upon the subject of the celebrated Oxfordshire election, and on the side of the Marlborough family, and that in consequence of this production he was permitted to frequent Blenheim house, and to range himself among the dependents of its noble proprietor. Mr Jenkinson first appeared in public life under the auspices of the earl of Bute, and was private secretary to that nobleman in his capacity of first lord of the treasury. By regular progression he rose through the inferior offices of the state, till in the year 1778 he was appointed secretary at war. Mr. Jenkinson purchased of the right honourable Charles James Fox the patent place

place of clerk of the pells in Ireland, and is now president of the lords of the committee of council for the consideration of matters of trade and plantations. His literary productions have not been numerous, and that, which is best known, is a Discourse on the Conduct of the Government of Great Britain in Respect to Neutral Nations. He also published in the year 1756 a small pamphlet intitled a Discourse upon the Militia. Lord Hawkesbury is one of a numerous class of individuals, who, with a certain confusedness of intellect, uncouthness of manner and awkwardness of expression, cannot be denied to unite a respectable portion of abilities. He has been the subject of much popular odium, from the idea of his being a vehicle of communication between the king and the earl of Bute, and a main instrument of that secret influence, which during the greater part of the present reign has been a favourite topic of public declamation.

JEPHSON, Robert : an officer in the Irish army, and a member of the parliament of that kingdom. Mr. Jephson has long been celebrated

his convivial powers, and his felicity in ludicrous composition. He is said to have contributed to a periodical publication, which appeared in Dublin during the administration of marquis Townshend, and was intitled the Bachelor. Mr. Jephson was first known as an author in this country by the tragedy of Braganza, which appeared in the year 1775, and which, previously to its performance, was highly applauded by some of the literati in London, and represented as the best tragedy which had been written since the days of Shakspeare. Its success was not proportioned to this *débüt*. He has since produced the Law of Lombardy, a tragedy; the Count of Narbonne, a tragedy; the Campaign, or Love and War, an opera; and Julia, or the Italian Lover, a tragedy.

JERNINGHAM, John: a Roman Catholic, and brother to sir William Jerningham, baronet. He is the author of a variety of poetical productions; Miscellaneous Poems in one volume duodecimo; Honoria, or the Day of All Souls, a poem; the Rise of the

Scandinavian Poetry, a poem; &c. &c. &c. They have been chiefly admired by his particular friends.

INCHBALD, Elizabeth: an actress of Covent Garden theatre, and originally of a company of players, that exhibit at Norwich, Bury St. Edmunds, and some neighbouring towns. As an actress her success has not been considerable; but she has lately figured as a dramatic author with much greater advantage. Her pieces are, the Mogul Tale, a farce; Appearance is against Them, a farce; I'll tell you What, a comedy; Such Things Are, a piece of the nature of tragi-comedy; All on a Summers Day, a comedy that was damned; and the Midnight Hour, a piece of three acts, translated from the French of Dumaniant.

INGLEFIELD, John: a captain in the navy. He published a shilling pamphlet intitled Narrative of the Loss of the Centaur; and there have been about half a dozen pieces of the same dimensions published

lished in a controversy of some notoriety between him and his wife.

JODDREL, sir Richard Paul: knight, M. D. and physician extraordinary to his excellency the nabob of Arcot. He figured originally as a classical scholar and a poet. His pieces are Illustrations of Euripides; the Knight and Friars, a poem; Widow and No Widow a comedy never performed; and a tragedy never performed.

JOHNSTONE, James: a lieutenant colonel in the army. He published Anecdotes of Olave the Black, King of Man; and some other pieces upon the subject of the Runic antiquities. We believe it is the same person, who in 1786 translated for the stage a comedy of Lessing, intitled The Disbanded Officer.

JONES, sir William: knight, one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature at Calcutta in the East Indies. In the earlier part of his life he distinguished himself equally as the friend of liberty and of the muses. He wrote particularly a small Dialogue upon the principles of political liberty, for

the publication of which doctor William Shipley, dean of St. Asaph, was prosecuted as a libel. Since his residence in the East Indies, he has been instrumental in instituting a society for the investigation of Oriental antiquities. He has published an Oration delivered at the commencement of this society; and several elegant poetical translations from the Asiatic languages, particularly the Moallakat, a series of Arabian poems, and a Hymn to Camdeo, the Eastern Cupid.

IRWIN, Eyles: a servant of the East India company upon the coast of Coromandel. He has published Adventures in a Voyage up the Red Sea in one volume quarto; Eastern Eclogues; and an Ode upon the Death of Hyder Ali.

JUNIUS: A name of great celebrity in English politics and literature. Under this signature a series of letters were published in the year 1769, 1770, 1771 and 1772, in the Public Advertiser. They convey the severest censure against the late duke of Bedford,

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ford, the present duke of Grafton, earl Mansfield, his present majesty, and several eminent political characters; and they perhaps exceed, in elegance of expression, energy of language, and poignancy of invective, any satire that was ever attempted to be conveyed in the prosaic form. As they broke off somewhat abruptly, it has commonly been supposed, that the author, who for a long time remained in the most successful concealment, was discovered, and quieted, either by the bribes or the threats of administration. The letters were conveyed to the printer in a female hand, and the duke of Richmond is said to have acknowledged his acquaintance with the writer. They have been successively ascribed, but with little probability, to a Mr. Mackenzie, a native of Scotland; lord viscount Sackville; Mr. Edmund Burke; and the right honorable William Gerard Hamilton.

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KEATE, George: a man of some fortune, and noted for his excentricities. His first work was a History of Geneva in one volume duodecimo. His poems, the title of some of which are, the Alps; Nettley Abbey; Elegy on Mrs. Cibber; an Epistle to Voltaire; an Epistle to Mrs. Kauffmann; and the Monument in Arcadia, a drama, were collected by him in 1787 in two volumes duodecimo. Since that time he has written the Distressed Poet, a poem on a lawsuit. He has also published Sketches from Nature in two small volumes, being a sort of imitation of the manner of Sterne.

KEMBLE, John: an actor of some reputation, and brother to the celebrated Mrs. Siddons. His disposition and manners have been generally agreeable. He had early a kind of propensity to literature, and published

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published in 1780 a collection of Fugitive Pieces; beside writing several dramas, which we believe have never found their way to the metropolis; or the press. He altered for the stage the Pilgrim, a comedy of Fletcher, and some other pieces; and produced in 1786 the Projects, a farce that was damned.

KENTISH, Richard: M. D. He has lately excited a considerable degree of attention by the mortification he experienced in being rejected by the college of physicians in London, and a consequent challenge sent by him to one of the members of that body, who was principally concerned in his examination. Doctor Kentish seems to have been seized, in consequence of this adventure, with a desire of convincing the world of that proficiency, made by him in the science of medicine, of which he was unable to convince the gentlemen in Warwick-lane. He published in the summers of the year 1787 three pamphlets: Experiments on a new Species of Bark; an Essay on Sea Bathing; and an Oration delivered
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at Edinburgh on the Method of Studying Natural History.

KING, Edward : F. R. and A. S. S. and late president of the society of antiquaries. He published in 1777 Observations on Ancient Castles in one volume quarto; and in 1788 Morfels of Criticism, chiefly in relation to the sacred writings in three volumes octavo.

KING, Thomas. A respectable actor of Drury-lane Theatre, and author of a Peep behind the Curtain; and Neck or Nothing, farces.

KIPPIS, Andrew : D. D. F. R. and A. S. S. a dissenting clergyman. His first publication was a pamphlet in Vindication of the principles of his sect, upon occasion of a bill brought into parliament for their more complete toleration. Doctor Kippis is principally concerned in the new edition of the Biographia Britannica, and is commonly reported to have some share in the direction of the New Annual Register. He also wrote Considerations on the Provisional Treaty
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with America, in defence of the measures of the earl of Shelburne; and Thoughts on the Dissentions in the Royal Society in vindication of the president sir Joseph Banks. In detached pieces of biography he has published a Life of Sir John Pringle, which, together with Six Discourses of that gentleman, constitute an octavo volume; and has promised to the world a Life of Doctor Samuel Johnson, and of Captain James Cook. He has farther prefixed a Life of Doctor Nathaniel Lardner to a late collection of the works of that author.

KIRWAN, Richard: F. R. S. a person of high reputation in the science of chemistry.

KNIGHT, Richard Payne; M. P. A gentleman much admired among his acquaintance for his proficiency in classical and elegant learning, and who has lately printed a few copies in quarto of a very curious dissertation upon the Priapi of the Ancients.

KNOX, John: a native of Scotland, and a gentleman who has successfully exerted himself

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self for the establishment of a society for the support of the Scottish fisheries. He has written several pieces on this subject, and particularly a View of the British Empire, which in the last edition has increased to the bulk of two volumes octavo.

KNOX, Viceſimus: a clergyman, and maſter of the free ſchool at Tunbridge in Kent. His firſt work was a duodecimo volume of Eſſays Moral and Literary, which, though publiſhed without a name, and though the ſecret of the author was very faithfully kept, obtained a very diſtinguiſhed and flattering ſucceſs. Mr. Knox afterwards added a ſecond volume to theſe Eſſays, and publiſhed a work on Liberal Education, which in the lateſt edition alſo conſtitutes two volumes. He has printed a caſtrated edition of Horace and Juvenal for the uſe of ſchools. His compoſitions appear to be characteriſed by paradox without novelty, and ſingularity without genius.

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LABILLIERE, Peter: a major of militia. He was one of those gentlemen, who, when the nation, tired of the American war, appeared to cherish projects of liberty and reform, and when the parliament voted "that the influence of the crown was increased, increasing, and ought to be diminished," stood foremost in the cause of democracy. His works consist of a sixpenny Series of Letters to the Majesty of the People,

LEE, Harriet. The younger daughter of the late —— Lee, an actor of considerable reputation of Covent Garden theatre. It was reported of him, that he was kept down and unintermittedly persecuted by the unreasonable and unmanly jealousy of Mr. Garrick. His own indolence co-operated with the projects of his adversary, and
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hindered him from ever attaining any extraordinary eminence. The works of Miss Harriet Lee are, the Errors of Innocence, a novel in five volumes duodecimo; and the New Peerage, a comedy.

LEE, Sophia. The eldest sister of Miss Harriet Lee. Together with that lady she keeps a boarding school for young ladies in the city of Bath, and she set the example to her sister of aspiring to literary reputation. Her works are the Chapter of Accidents, a comedy; the Hermit's Tale, a poem; and the Recess, or a Tale of Other Times in three volumes duodecimo. The subject of this last performance, which has attracted a considerable degree of attention, consists of the adventures of two imaginary daughters of Mary queen of Scots and the duke of Norfolk. The work was fortunate in the sincere and warm patronage of Mr. Sheridan; but, though it contain passages of no mean ability, it is certainly strongly marked with turgidity and ill taste.

LENOX, Charlotte. The *protégée* of doctor Samuel

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Samuel Johnson, and the friend of Mrs. Yates. She has written the Sisters, a comedy that was damned; Philander, a dramatic pastoral; Henrietta, a novel; Sophia, a novel; and the Female Quixote, a novel. She also compiled many of the stories upon which Shakespear founded his dramas, which were published in three volumes duodecimo under the title of Shakespear Illustrated. Mrs. Lenox translated the Memoirs of Sully, and the Greek Theatre of Pere Brumoy, from the French.

LETTsOM, John Coakley: M. D. F. R. S. physician extraordinary to the London Lying-In Hospital, physician extraordinary and treasurer to the City General Dispensary, and physician and treasurer to the London Medical Society. Doctor Lettsom has published a Life of Captain Carver; a Life of Doctor Fothergil; the History of the Tea Tree; the History of the Origin of Medicine; Medical Memoirs of the General Dispensary; a Letter to the King recommending a public professorship of anatomy; an Essay on Fevers; and on Fragrant Flowers in a Close Room. He engaged

gaged in the detection of the imposture of doctor Meyersbach, the water doctor, and in a controversy with baron Dimsdale upon the subject of general inoculation.

LEVI, David: a learned Jew. He has published an Account of the Rites and Ceremonies of the Jews in one volume octavo; an Answer to doctor Priestley's letters to the Jews; and an Hebrew-English Dictionary in three volumes octavo.

LINDSEY, Theophilus. The most distinguished of those clergymen, who have resigned their preferments in the establishment from motives of conscience. His disposition is amiable and ingenuous, and he is the intimate friend of doctor Priestley and the late doctor John Jebb. His Apology for resigning the vicarage of Catteric; and the Sequel to that Apology, each in one volume octavo, have been regarded by many of his partisans, as the best vindication of the Socinian creed. He has also published an Historical View of the Unitarian Doctrine, in one volume octavo; and two pamphlets, a Dif-

a Dissertation on the Preface to St. John's Gospel; and the Catechist; and has been the editor of doctor Samuel Clarke's Reformed Liturgy, which he reads at his chapel in Essex-street. The style of his compositions is not animated and interesting; and in this particular he is greatly excelled in the same career by doctor Priestley.

LOFFT, Capel. A gentleman of the county of Suffolk, an amiable and vigorous champion of the principles of liberty. He has published Observations on Mrs. Macaulay's History of England; an Argument on the Nature of Party and Faction; *Principia Juris Universalis* in two volumes duodecimo; an Essay on the Law of Libels; the Praises of Poetry, a poem; Eudocia, or a Poem on the Universe; and a translation of the first book of the Georgics of Virgil.

LOGAN, John: late a clergyman of the church of Scotland, now resident in London. While in Scotland he delivered to a voluntary set of pupils, a series of lectures upon the philosophy of history; and

and an Analysis of these lectures, so far as they relate to ancient history, as well as one of the lectures on the subject of Asia, have been published. They exhibit one of the most successful attempts to apply the science of moral philosophy to the illustration of the history of mankind, that has yet appeared. He has also published a small collection of Poems, and Runnamede, a tragedy never performed; and is supposed to be concerned in the English Review.

LOLME, John Lewis de: a native of Geneva, resident in England. He has published a work of great celebrity upon the Constitution of England; a small pamphlet Comparing the English Constitution with the former Constitution of Sweden; and the History of the Flagellants, or Memorials of Human Superstition, imitated from the abbé Boileau. He has also prefixed a Dissertation on the Union, to Daniel de Foe's History of that event; and he has published one or two numbers of . Mr. de Lolme, though possessed of superior abilities, is at this moment struggling with a proud

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proud and indecent spirit, and the evils of poverty.

LUCKOMBE, Philip: an unwearied labourer for the engravers and bookfellers. He has written several petty peerages ; and a genealogical table of the sovereign houses of Europe.

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MACAULAY. See GRAHAM.

MACDONALD, Donald. A clergyman of the church of Scotland, editor of three passages omitted by the translator of Fingal : and author of the Independent, a novel ; Vimonda, a tragedy ; and Velina, a poetical fragment.

MACFARLAN, John : D. D. F. R. S. E. Author of Inquiries concerning the Poor ; and Tracts on Subjects of National Importance.

MACGREGOR, Malcolm. The fictitious appellation of a celebrated writer of political poetry. His works are an Heroic Epistle to Sir William Chambers ; an Heroic Postscript ; an Ode to Pinchbeck on his New Invented Candle Snuffers ; and an Ode to Doctor Shebbeare. His verses are in the style of polished satire, and are perhaps

perhaps superior in poignancy to any thing of that kind, that has been produced since the days of Horace. They have been very generally ascribed, but with little apparent probability, to Mr. William Mason, prebendary of York.

MACKENZIE, . A native of Scotland, and a writer of great eminence in the style of the sentimental and pathetic. He has written the Prince of Tunis, a tragedy ; and an Ode to Happiness; and we believe he altered the Fatal Curiosity of Lillo, as it was represented some few years ago at the Hay Market theatre. His productions in the style of novel are, the Man of the World, a performance of inferior merit ; the Man of Feeling ; and Julia de Roubigné. He was principally concerned in the Mirror, and the Lounger, periodical papers, which were published with considerable applause in the city of Edinburgh, and which have been since each of them collected in three volumes duodecimo.

MACKINTOSH, . Author of Travels in Europe, Asia and Africa in two volumes octavo, which gave offence to some of our East In-

dian nabobs, and were answered by captain Joseph Price.

MACKLIN, Charles. A veteran actor of considerable reputation, born in the year 1699. He has written *Love a la Mode*, a farce; and the *Man of the World*, a comedy; and has another comedy in readiness for the stage, which only waits, till the author shall be young enough to be able to perform several nights successively, as is frequently necessary in a new piece. He is a man of harsh and unfeeling manners, but not destitute of wit and humour. He frequently observes to his friends, that he was not born in the present century, and has no intention to die in it. In the part of Shylock he was so successful, as to be complimented by Mr. Quin in an extemporary couplet, *This is the Jew, that Shakspeare drew*. He attempted however the character of a public orator in 1755 without success, and in 1774, was driven from the stage in the character of Macbeth, which occasioned a law-suit in which Mr. Macklin was triumphant. Of his attempt in 1755 there is an anecdote, for the truth of which we do not pretend to engage.

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The project of Mr. Macklin, like that of orator Henley, was to discuss any subject that should be proposed, moral, metaphysical, scientific or historical, while the persons of the audience should also take a share in the debate *pro* or *con*, as it should suit their respective inclinations. Having on the first night discussed a subject suggested by himself, it was proposed by a lady, that the subject of debate for the second evening should be, "Whether orator Henley or Mr. Macklin had the greatest share of impudence?" which was carried by a great majority. On the second evening Mr. Macklin appeared, but, not chusing to speak on the question proposed, requested, that some other topic of debate might be admitted. This was peremptorily refused; and at length the lady with great modesty delivered a few words upon her own question. She thought it admitted of little hesitation, as Mr. Henley, she remarked, had undertaken that with the advantages of a liberal education, which Mr. Macklin undertook with no education at all. The audience expressed the most complete acquiescence in the lady's decision, and thus ended the lectures of Mr. Orator Macklin.

MACKNIGHT, James : D. D. a clergyman of the church of Scotland. He published with much approbation in the year 1756 a Harmony of the Gospels of the Four Evangelists in two volumes quarto. He also wrote in 1764 a quarto volume upon the Truth of the Gospel History ; and in 1787 a Translation of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Theſſalonians, intended as a specimen of a Translation and Commentary upon the rest of the Apostolic Epistles.

MACLAINE, Archibald : D. D. a clergyman, born in Scotland, and for some years past minister of the English church at the Hague. He published a translation in two volumes quarto, or five volumes octavo, of Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History with notes, which has usually been preferred by the learned to the barbarous Latin of the original work. He wrote in 1777, a Series of Letters to Mr. Soame Jenyns upon his View of the Internal Evidence of the Christian Religion in one volume duodécimo. Doctor Maclaine endeavours to prove, that Christianity has no other support, than that which is generally styled the external evidence.

MACMAHON, Parkins : an Irishman, bookkeeper to the king's theatre in the Hay Market. He published translations of *Thoughts on the Mechanism of Societies* by the Marquis de Ca-faux ; and of the *Memorial or Brief of the Count Cagliostro in the affair of the queen of France's necklace*.

MACNALLY, Leonard : an Irishman, a barrister at law and a Foxite. He made speeches in favour of the coalition at the Shakespeare in 1783, was for some years the editor of the newspaper called the *Public Ledger*, and is now reported to be editor of a newspaper, called the *Times*. He wrote in 1782 a pamphlet entitled the *Claims of Ireland* ; but his chief forte has been the stage, where he has figured to the admiration of fools, and the astonishment of men of sense. His pieces are, *Retaliation*, a farce ; *Tristram Shandy*, a farce ; *Robin Hood*, a comic opera ; and *Fashionable Levities*, a comedy. He also displayed considerable abilities in translating, from the French of Mr. Sedaine, the comic opera of *Richard Cœur de Lion*, without, as report says, once consulting, or being qualified to consult the original work

MACPHERSON, James : M. P. a Scotchman, well known in the literary and political world. His first publication was what he called a translation of the Poems of Ossian, the Son of Fingal, which appeared in the year 1762. This performance excited a long and acrimonious controversy, in which, among others, doctor Hugh Blair early distinguished himself. It also produced some animadversions from doctor Samuel Johnson in his Journey to the Hebrides. Mr. Macpherson having upon that score thought proper to throw out some menaces against Johnson, the doctor wrote him a few lines, which have been much admired for their intrepidity and spirit. For a considerable time the Scottish nation appeared to regard their public character, as inseparably linked to the authenticity of Ossian ; but, though by the well known policy of the natives of that country, a degree of stigma was fixed upon the last combatant against this mighty hero, Mr. William Shaw, yet the question is now generally yielded by the more enlightened and liberal Caledonians. Mr. Macpherson also published in 1773 a Translation of the Iliad of Homer into the heroic prose

prose with which Ossian had been decorated, in two volumes quarto. But the performance experienced very little success.

The second object that engaged Mr. Macpherson's ambition and industry was the History of England. In 1771 he published an Introduction to the History of Great Britain and Ireland; and in 1775 a History of Great Britain from the Restoration in 1660, to the Accession of the House of Hanover, in two volumes quarto; together with Original State Papers from the Stuart and Hanover Collections in two volumes quarto. The chief acquisition presented to us in this collection consists of extracts from the Private Memoirs of King James the Second. The history is not destitute of ability, though it be written in a stiff and disagreeable style, and is a little too much tinged with party prejudice. Mr. Macpherson is said to have obtained a pension of 700l. per annum from lord North; and he published in the year 1775 a pamphlet, entitled the Rights of Great Britain over the Colonies Asserted; a performance, which divided the
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approbation of the royalists, with the Taxation no Tyranny of doctor Samuel Johnson. He was first elected to parliament in the year 1780.

MADAN, Martin: a popular clergyman of the methodistical party, and for some years a much admired preacher at the Lock Hospital, Hyde-Park Corner. He was originally bred to the law, and his character has been a subject of great obloquy; particularly in the affair of the supposed simony respecting the rectory of Aldwinckle in the year 1767. He published a pamphlet in his own vindication with regard to that business; a pamphlet in answer to the Capital Errors of Mr. William Law; and a small Commentary upon the Thirty-nine Articles. But his capital work, which appeared in the year 1780, was Thelyphthora, or a Treatise on Female Ruin, in which, among other tenets, the lawfulness of polygamy is vindicated. The performance appeared originally in two volumes octavo, to which the author afterwards added a third. He also wrote Letters to doctor Abraham Rees, on the
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article of polygamy in the New Chambers's Dictionary, and a pamphlet against doctor Priestley.

MADAN, Spencer: D. D. prebendary of Peterborough, rector of West Halton, and vicar of Haxay in the county of Lincoln, and chaplain in ordinary to his majesty. He translated Grotius *de Veritate*, and wrote the Call of the Gentiles, a poetical essay.

MAHON, lord viscount. See STANHOPE.

MAINWARING, : a clergyman. He published a volume of Sermons, and had a controversy with doctor Samuel Hallifax, bishop of Gloucester, upon the proper way of quoting passages of scripture.

MALONE, Edmund: a native of Ireland, and son to the late attorney-general for that kingdom. He has written several prologues and epilogues, and published in 1780, a Supplement to the Edition of Shakespear by doctor Johnson and Mr. Steevens, in two volumes octavo.

octavo. A complete edition of Shakespear in ten volumes octavo is now publishing under the inspection of Mr. Malone. He appears to possess more critical acumen and ingenuity, than any other of the commentators upon Shakespear.

MANTE, Thomas: late a major in the army. A writer of moderate talents and libertine sentiments. His works are chiefly a History of the War of 1756 in North America and the West Indian islands in one volume quarto; Lucinda, or the Self-devoted Daughter, a novel; and the Siege of Aubigné, a historical tale.

MARJORIBANKS, ; a major in the army, and a native of Scotland. He published Trifles in Verse in two volumes duodecimo.

MARKHAM, William: D D. lord archbishop of York. He was for some years master of Westminster school, and was preceptor to the prince of Wales and the duke of York from 1771 to 1776. One of his sons made a consider-

considerable figure in the transactions of Mr. Hastings, governor general of Bengal, and was for some years resident to the raja of Benares. Doctor Markham has only published single sermons; *Concio and Clerum*; Sermon for the Radcliffe Infirmary; Sermon on the Thirtieth of January; and a Sermon before the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The publication of this last excited particular attention for the despotic and intolerant principles it contained.

MARSHAL, . A writer upon agriculture. His performances are Minutes of Agriculture; Experiments in Agriculture and on the Weather; the Rural Oeconomy of the County of Norfolk in two volumes octavo; and the Rural Œconomy of the County of York.

MARSHAL, Jane. She has written Clarinda Cathcart; and Alicia Montagu, novels: Sir Harry Gaylove, a comedy never performed; and Letters for the Improvement of Youth in two volumes duodecimo.

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MASERES, Francis : F. R. S. and curfitor baron of the court of exchequer. His works are Proceedings of the Protestant Inhabitants of Quebec in one volume octavo ; the Canadian Freeholder in three volumes octavo ; on the Use of the Negative Sign in Algebra in one volume quarto ; Elements of Plain Trigonometry in one volume octavo ; and a Treatise on Annuities in five volumes octavo.

MASKELYNE, Nevil : D. D. F. R. S. He has published an Account of the Going of Mr. Harrison's Watch ; and Tables of the Places of the Fixed Stars.

MASON, John Monck : one of the commiffioners of revenue for the kingdom of Ireland, a privy counfellow, and M. P. in that kingdom. He has written fome prologues and epilogues, is fupposed to have made fome progrefs in elegant criticifm, and has furnifhed notes to the late editors of Shakefpear.

MASON, William : prebendary of York, the friend of Mr. Gray, bifhop Hurd and the pre-
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sent earl of Harcourt. His performances are chiefly *Musæus*, an Elegy upon the Death of Mr. Pope; *Caractacus*; and *Elfrida*, dramatic pieces; an Ode to William Pitt junior; a translation of Fresnoy's *Art of Painting* with notes by sir Joshua Reynolds; and the *English Garden*, a poem in four books. He is the reputed author of an *Archæological Epistle* to doctor Jeremiah Milles, late dean of Exeter, upon the poems of Chatterton. Mr. Maſon published an edition of the *Poems and Letters of Mr. Gray* with a life in four volumes duodecimo; and a third volume of the *Poems of Mr. William Whitehead*, late poet laureat, with a life of the author.

MAURICE, Thomas: a clergyman of Woodford in the county of Effex. His *Poems and Miscellaneous Pieces* were collected by himself in one volume quarto; and he has since published *Ierne Rediviva*, an ode; and *Westminster Abbey*, an elegy.

MAYO, Herbert: D. D. a dissenting clergyman. Author of a pamphlet entitled *Confutation*

tion of the Scripture Doctrine of Baptism ; and Letters to Mr. Newton in Vindication of the Dissenters. Though deprived of the advantages of a liberal education, he is one of the conductors of a presbyterian seminary, and is supposed to have superintended the last edition of Guthrie's Geographical Grammar.

MELMOTH, Courtney. See PRATT.

MELMOTH, William : an elegant scholar, and a fine writer. His only original work is an octavo volume of Letters under the name of Sir Thomas Fitzosborne. He translated the Letters of Pliny, nearly about the same time with lord Orrery, the treacherous friend of Swift, to whose translation that of Mr. Melmoth was greatly preferred. He also translated the *Epistolæ Familiares* of Cicero, which he accompanied with notes unfavourable to the reputation of that illustrious character. This last work appeared in 1753 in three volumes octavo, and in 1773 and 1777, Mr. Melmoth published translations of Cicero's Two Dialogues, *De Senectute*, and *de Amicitia*.

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MERRY, Robert: member of the Florence academy, late La Crusca. This gentleman has spent one half of his life in Italy, and was a principal contributor to a collection of pieces in prose and verse, superintended by Mrs. Piozzi, and entitled the Florence Miscellany. In 1787, he published *Paulina, or the Russian Daughter*, a poem; and is supposed to have contributed several poetical pieces to the newspaper, entitled the *World*, under the signature of Della Crusca. They are not destitute of feeling and imagination, but are defective in regularity, equality, and concentration. In their publication they have been interspersed with poems by a lady in England, under the signature of Anna Matilda. We conjecture this lady to be Mrs. Piozzi.

MILLAR, John: professor of civil and Scottish law in the university of Glasgow. He published in 1771 an *Essay on the Distinction of Ranks in Society* in one volume quarto; and in 1786 an *Historical View of the English Government* in one volume quarto.

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MILNE, Colin : D. D. and evening preacher to the London Lying In Hospital. In his delivery he has imitated the manner of Mr. James Fordyce, a celebrated dissenting clergyman, with some success, both as to resemblance and popularity. He has written a Botanical Dictionary in one volume duodecimo ; Institutes of Botany in one volume quarto ; and an octavo volume of Sermons.

MINIFIE, . Two sisters celebrated for having produced a number of novels, which usually rank in the very lowest class of literature. The titles of some of them are, History of Lady Frances and Lady Caroline ; Family Pictures ; The Picture ; The Cottage ; and the Count de Poland.

MITFORD, William : colonel of the Hampshire militia, M. P. and F. R. S. He published in 1785 the first volume in quarto of a History of Greece. For its merits see the article of doctor John GILLIES.

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MOIR, John : a native of Scotland, and a clergyman. He published in 1775 a volume of Sermons in duodecimo ; and in 1786 a volume of Sermons in octavo ; and is the reputed author of a History of the Life and Public Services of Mr. Fox ; and of Transactions in India from 1760 to the present time, each in one volume octavo. The merit of these works is moderate, and they are less distinguished for their information, than for the affected profundity of their reflections. Mr. Moir is supposed to be concerned with some of the newspapers.

MONBODDO, lord. See BURNET.

MONTAGU, Mathew Robinson : brother to the author of the Essay on Shakespear. Author of two political pamphlets ; one Peace the Best Policy, published in 1777, upon the subject of the American war ; and the other published in 1786, entitled an Address to the Landed, Trading, and Funded Interests of England on the Present State of Public Affairs. The style of Mr. Robinson, which was the original name of this gentleman, and the name by which he chuses to denominate himself, is involved and

obscure, but his thoughts are original, profound and fully entitled to the attention of statesmen.

MONTAGU, . A lady of considerable fortune in London. Her maiden name was Robinson, and she is nearly related to doctor Richard Robinson, lord Rokeby, archbishop of Armagh, and lord primate of all Ireland. Her supposed heir is Mathew Montagu esquire, who was elected into parliament for Bossiney in Cornwall at the last general election. She published in 1769 an Essay on the Writings and Genius of Shakespear, chiefly in reply to the animadversions of Mr. de Voltaire, in one volume octavo. This work, though inferior in merit to the dignity of its subject, has been uniformly celebrated with the loudest applause. A circumstance, which has probably conduced to its reputation, is that of Mrs. Montagu's keeping open house for the regale of the English literati.

MOORE, John: M. D. He was travelling tutor to the present duke of Hamilton, and published an account of his observations, under the

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the title of a View of Society and Manners in France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, in four volumes octavo. The work appeared in the year 1779, and was attended with a flattering success. Doctor Moore also published in 1786 Medical Sketches in one volume octavo. He is understood to have a comedy in readiness for the stage, and he is complimented by Miss Williams in a poetical epistle, inserted in the collection of her Poems.

MORE, Hannah : a schoolmistress at Bristol. She published in 1773 the Search after Happiness, a pastoral drama in rhyme, written to be performed by her pupils. This piece being received with public favour, she commenced authoress by profession. She published the Inflexible Captive, a tragedy upon the story of Regulus, never performed ; Percy, a tragedy ; Sir Eldred of the Bower, and the Bleeding Rock, poems ; Ode to Dragon, Mr. Garrick's House Dog ; and Fatal Falsehood, a tragedy. Her later works are a duodecimo volume of Prose Essays ; Sacred Dramas in one volume duodecimo ; and Florio, and the *Bas Bleu*, poems. She has

lately been celebrated for her animated patronage and still more animated quarrel with Mrs. Anne Yearley, a poetical milk-woman.

MORGAN, William : nephew to the celebrated doctor Richard Price, and actuary to the Equitable Assurance Office in Black Friars. He has written the Doctrine of Annuities and Assurances in one volume octavo ; and published in 1781, an Examination of the Theory of Heat and Combustion of doctor Adair Crawford, a young London physician.

MORRES, Harvey, viscount Mountmorres of the kingdom of Ireland. An adherent of the popular cause in the Irish house of lords, but who has been too attentive to the politics of this country, to preserve a considerable degree of weight and popularity in that. In 1774 he was an unsuccessful candidate with lord viscount Mahon, now earl Stanhope, for the city of Westminster ; and in 1784 he made several speeches against the coalition in the popular meetings of the electors of that city. He published in 1782 a Speech Intended to have
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been Spoken upon the jurisdiction of the house of lords of the kingdom of Ireland.

MORRIS, . A captain in the army. A gentleman, celebrated for his convivial talents, and who has written a number of songs, with more humour than genius, and more obscurity than humour.

MORRIS, Valentine: late governor of the island of St. Vincent's. Having been reflected on for some proceedings during his possession of that government, he thought proper in 1787 to publish a Vindication of his Conduct in one volume octavo.

MORTIMER, Thomas. A veteran labourer in the field of literature. He is the author of the British Plutarch, or Lives of the Most Illustrious Personages of Great Britain from the Accession of King Henry the Eighth, originally printed in twelve and since in six volumes duodecimo. He has since written the Student's Pocket Dictionary of History, &c. in one volume duodecimo; Every One his Own Broker in one volume duodecimo; and Elements of Commerce, Politics

and Finance in one volume quarto. In 1784 he translated Necker on the Finances of France, under the patronage of the marquis of Lansdown.

MOTHERBY, George : M. D. Author of a Medical Dictionary published in 1778 in one volume folio, and enlarged in the second edition of 1786 into two volumes folio.

MOUNTMORRES, viscount. See MORRES.

MULGRAVE, lord. See PHIPPS.

MULSO, Thomas : brother to Mrs. Chapone. He published in 1768, a series of dialogues, entitled Calistus and Sophronius.

MURPHY, Arthur : barrister at law, a dramatic and political author. He was warmly engaged at the commencement of the present reign in the party of the earl of Bute, and was upon that account exposed to the ridicule of Wilkes and Churchil. His political writings are the Monitor, a periodical paper, and some temporary

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temporary pamphlets. Early in life he attempted the profession of an actor, and his success in the character of Othello is commemorated in the Rosciad of Churchil in the following lines :

Can none remember? Yes, I know all must;

When in the Moor he ground his teeth to dust.

When o'er the stage he folly's standard bore,

And common sense stood trembling at the door.

Mr. Murphy also published in 1753, 1754, the Gray's Inn Journal, a periodical paper collected in two volumes, in imitation of the Spectator. His dramatic pieces are the Orphan of China; and Zenobia; tragedies translated for the stage, the first from Voltaire, and the second from Crebillon. He has also written the Grecian Daughter, a tragedy; Alzuma, a tragedy; the Rival Sisters, a tragedy never performed; the Way to Keep Him, a comedy; All in the Wrong, a comedy; Know your own Mind, a comedy; the Desert Island, a dramatic poem; and the Apprentice; the Upholsterer; the Old Maid; the Citizen; No One's Enemy

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Enemy but his Own ; the School for Guardians ; the Choice ; and Three Weeks after Marriage ; farces. The last of these pieces is probably the *chef d'œuvre* of its author, and had originally the honour of being damned under the title of What we must all come to. He has translated into English the Belisarius of Marmontel, and Vida upon Chæss ; and into Latin Pope's Temple of Fame ; and the Elegy in a Country Church-yard. He prefixed an Essay on the Life and Genius of Fielding to a late edition of the works of that author. Mr. Murphy has also written several poetical pieces, and has collected such of his pieces as he deemed worthy of preservation in seven volumes octavo. He succeeded Mr. Francis Hargrave, as assessor of the high bailiff in the scrutiny of the celebrated Westminster election of 1784. Mr. Murphy warmly engaged himself in the cause of Mr. John Palmer, founder of the Royalty theatre, in Wellclose-square. He wrote several poetical addresses for that gentleman ; is understood to be the author of *Almirina*, a puppet-show tragedy performed at his theatre ; and afterwards pleaded his cause before the magistrates at Guild-

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Guildhall. Mr. Murphy lived in habits of intimate friendship with doctor Johnson, Mr. Garrick, sir Francis Blake Delaval, and Mr. Foote; and is understood to be engaged in writing the Life of the British Aristophanes.

MURRY, Anne. One of the mob of writers, who have lately undertaken to produce books for the instruction of children. Her works are *Mentoria*, or the Young Ladies Instructor in duodecimo; *History of the Kingdoms of Israhel and Judah* in two volumes duodecimo; and *Poems on Various Subjects*.

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NEVE, Timothy : D. D. Margaret professor of divinity in the university of Oxford. Author of Animadversions on Philip's Life of Cardinal Pole in one volume octavo ; and Sermons preached at Bampton's Lecture in the university of Oxford in one volume octavo.

NEWCOME, William : D. D. bishop of Waterford in the kingdom of Ireland. He has written a Harmony of the Gospels in one volume folio ; and engaged in a liberal controversy with doctor Priestley upon the subject of the Duration of our Lord's Ministry. He published in 1783, Observations on our Lord's Conduct in one volume quarto.

NEWMAN, Henry Charles Christian Theodore : a German by birth, and a clergyman of the church of England. He published a
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Sermon Preached before the Humane Society, remarkable for rotundity of period, and neatness of construction; and a poem on the Love of our Country, containing a very animated parallel between the character of Jesus Christ and the duchess of Devonshire.

NEWTON, John: a methodistical clergyman, and rector of St. Mary's Woolnoth. He was originally a sailor, but was converted by a great storm, of which he gave an account in a Series of Letters to the Reverend Thomas Haweis in one volume duodecimo. He has also written Sermons in octavo; a Review of Ecclesiastical History in octavo; Apologia, or a Vindication of the Church of England in duodecimo; and a Series of Sermons upon the Messiah of Handel in two volumes octavo.

NICHOLS, John: a printer, a common council man, and deputy of the ward of Farringdon without. His characteristic qualities are industry without taste, and the faculty of collecting a vast quantity of materials without discrimination. He published a Collection of
Poems

Poems in eight volumes duodecimo ; Biographical Anecdotes of William Hogarth in octavo ; and Biographical Anecdotes of William Bowyer, his partner in the printing business, in quarto. He has been the editor of bishop Atterbury's Miscellanies in two volumes octavo ; and the Familiar Correspondence of Sir Richard Steele in one volume octavo ; and is supposed to superintend the publication of the Gentleman's Magazine.

NICHOLSON, William : F. R. S. He published in 1783 an Introduction to Natural Philosophy in two volumes octavo.

NOBLE, Mark : a dull and inaccurate antiquarian. He has published Remarks on the Coins of the Bishops of Durham ; a Genealogical History of the Royal Families of Europe ; and Memoirs of the Protectorate House of Cromwell in two volumes octavo.

NORT, John : an Orientalist, and author of an indifferent translation of Select Odes of Hafez Rhamet published in 1787.

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NowEL, Thomas : D. D. principal of St. Mary's hall, and regius professor of divinity in the university of Oxford. He was principally engaged in the affair of the expulsion of the six students of Oxford in the year 1768, and published an answer to the *Pietas Oxoniensis* of sir Richard Hill.

NUGENT, Robert Craggs : created in 1766 viscount Clare ; and in 1776, earl Nugent of the kingdom of Ireland. He has possessed various offices under several administrations, and was in habits of intimacy with sir Robert Walpole, Mr. Pelham and lord Granville. He is the author of an Ode to Mankind, and several other poetical pieces, the chief part of which are to be found in Doddsley's Collection. Earl Nugent is father to the present marchioness of Buckingham.

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O'BRIEN, Charles. Author of *Cross Purposes*, a farce ; the *Duel*, a comedy that was damned ; and a pamphlet entitled *Luxorium*.

O'BRIEN, Dennis : a native of Ireland, a barrister at law, and a friend of Mr. Fox and Mr. Sheridan. He wrote a comedy, entitled *a Friend in Need*, performed at the Hay-market theatre, which occasioned a newspaper controversy between him and Mr. Colman, the manager. Mr. O'Brien is the reputed author of an ironical pamphlet of considerable merit, entitled *a Defence of the Earl of Shelburne* ; and some fugitive pieces in defence of the party of Mr. Fox.

OGILVIE, James : a native of Scotland, and a clergyman. He has published the *Day of Judgment*, a poem ; *Paradise*, a poem ; *Providence*,

dence, a poem ; Solitude, a poem ; and Rona, a poem. He has also written Observations on Composition in two volumes octavo ; Causes of Infidelity and Scepticism in one volume octavo ; and a volume of Sermons. The admirers of his compositions consist of a select few.

O'HALLORAN, Sylvester : a native of Ireland, and a surgeon. His performances are a Treatise on Glaucoma ; a Treatise on the Sphacelus ; and a General History of Ireland of moderate reputation in two volumes quarto.

O'HARA, Charles : author of Midas ; and the Golden Pippin, operatical farces.

O'KEEFFE, John : a native of Ireland, and late a performer upon the Dublin theatre. He owes his genius as a poet, to the accident of having demolished his wife's nose in a fit of jealousy. This transaction obliging him to quit Ireland, he resorted for subsistence to the profession of a dramatic author in London. His style is chiefly that of pun, and the happy production of voluble nonsense, and his earlier pieces expe-

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rienced a distinguished success. The town becoming fatiated of this taste in writing, his recent performances have all been damned, though several of them have survived the operation. Their titles are the Agreeable Surprise; the Son-in-Law; the Positive Man; the Prince of Arragon; Peeping Tom; the Blacksmith of Antwerp; the Farmer; and Tantararara; farces: the Young Quaker, a comedy; and the Banditti, or Castle of Andalusia; Fontainebleau or Our Way in France; and the Siege of Curzola, operas. Mr. O'Keefe has the misfortune of being deprived of the use of the organs of sight.

O'LEARY, Arthur: a Roman Catholic clergyman of the kingdom of Ireland. He distinguished himself as the friend of freedom, liberality and toleration, and on this account was highly complimented in their public speeches by Mr. Grattan, and other celebrated members of the Irish parliament. His reputation has since declined in that kingdom. The style of his publications is fluent, voluble, bold and figurative; at the same time it is liable to the imputation of
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wanting grace, dignity, manliness, simplicity, perspicuity and grammar. Mr. O'Leary has published several Addresses to the Catholics of Ireland; an Answer to Mr. Wesley's Defence of the Protestant Association; and a Defence of his Conduct in the Affair of the Infurrection of 1787 in the Province of Munster.

ORME, . Formerly one of the servants of the East India Company, and author of a much admired History of Indostan in two volumes quarto; the first published in 1763, and the second in 1778. To these he added in 1783, Historical Fragments of the Mogul Empire in one volume duodecimo.

OSWALD, John: a native of Scotland, and late a lieutenant in the forty-second regiment of foot. He is the author of *Ranae Comicae Evangelizantes*, or the Comic Frogs turned Methodist, published in 1786; a number of essays and articles in the British Mercury, a periodical publication which appeared in 1787; the Alarming Progress of French Politics, a pamphlet on the subject of the commercial treaty; and Euphrosyné, or an

Ode to Beauty, addressed to Mrs. Crouch, of Drury-lane theatre. This gentleman served in the late war on the Malabar coast, and is at present engaged in writing a History of the East Indies.

OSWALD, Thomas : D. D. A clergyman of the church of Scotland, and author of an Appeal in Behalf of Religion in two volumes octavo, in favor of the celebrated doctrine of common sense, as it had been promulgated by himself, doctor Thomas Reid, and doctor James Beattie. Dr. Priestley answered the three Scottish doctors with equal severity and success in one volume octavo.

OWEN, Henry : D. D. F. R. S. and rector of St. Olave's, Hart Street, Southwark. He published in 1764 Observations on the Four Gospels, in which he endeavoured to prove, in contradiction to the opinion of doctor Milles and doctor Lardner, that the four evangelists had seen each others performances previously to their writing their gospels. He has also written an Examination of the State of the Septuagint

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gint Version in octavo; Critica Sacra in octavo; an edition of the book of Genesis in octavo; a Treatise on Miracles in two volumes octavo; and Sermons at Boyle's Lecture in two volumes octavo.

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PAINE, Thomas. A celebrated character in the United States of America. His pamphlet, entitled *Common Sense*, was one of those few literary performances, which have been known to produce a great and sudden effect upon the sentiments and conduct of a nation. It was published at a very critical period in the commencement of the American war, and served, more than any thing else, to induce the inhabitants of that country to an immediate declaration of independence. In 1782 he published two other pamphlets; a *Letter to the Earl of Shelburne* respecting American Independence; and *Strictures on the Revolution d'Amerique* of the Abbé Raynal. Having come over to England in the autumn of 1787, he published a pamphlet upon the recent transactions between Great Britain and Holland, entitled *Thoughts on the Rubicon*, and censuring the

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the measures of the English administration. Mr. Paine is understood to be engaged in writing a History of the American Independence, a work perfectly suited to the nature of his abilities. His style is manly, energetic, animated and perspicuous, and he is possessed of great political penetration and skill.

PALEY, William: A. M. archdeacon of Carlisle. He published in 1784 a work, entitled Principles of Moral and Political Philosophy in one volume quarto; which, though it exhibit few marks of originality, though it be inimical to civil and religious liberty, and though its moral principles be lax, crude and indigested, has experienced a very uncommon and brilliant success.

PALMER, John: a dissenting clergyman. He has published Prayers for the Use of Families; Thoughts on the Iniquity of Religious Tests; an Answer to Doctor Priestley's Illustrations of Philosophical Necessity; an Examination of Mr. Madan's Thelyphthora; a Sermon on the Infanity of the Sensualist; and some other single Sermons.

PALMER, Samuel : a dissenting clergyman of the Calvinistical persuasion. Author of Reasons why I am a Dissenter, a Catechism ; the Non-conformist's Memorial, or, History of the Original Dissenters of 1660 in two volumes octavo ; and a Life of Doctor Isaac Watts, intended to prove that his last sentiments were conformable to the orthodox creed.

PALMERSTONE, lord viscount. See TEMPLE.

PARR, Samuel : L. L. D. a clergyman of the most distinguished ability. He was originally one of the undermasters of Harrow school, and in that situation had the honor of sharing in the education, among others, of Mr. Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Upon a vacancy in the headmastership in 1770, doctor Parr became a candidate for that office, and his party was so warmly espoused by many of the boys of the school, as to occasion very riotous and turbulent proceedings. Doctor Parr, having failed in the election, retired to a village at a small distance from Harrow, and opened a school to which he was followed by a kind of secession
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of the Harrow scholars. Having been chosen by the earl of Dartmouth to superintend the education of his eldest son, lord viscount Lewisham, he resigned his school, and fixed his residence at Colchester in Essex, to which he was attended by his lordship and one or two other pupils. At the expiration of this engagement, doctor Parr was chosen master of the free-school at Norwich. He is now settled in the neighbourhood of Warwick, where he has a few private pupils, and particularly the only son of Mr. Sheridan.

Doctor Parr's first publications consisted of Fast Sermons preached at Norwich during the American war, two of them published with his name in 1780, and a third under the appellation of Phileleutherus Norfolcienfis in 1787. They are not more distinguished by liberality of sentiment, than by profundity of reasoning and energy of expression. He published in 1786 a fourth Sermon, characterized by the same excellencies, on Education and the Plans Pursued in Charity Schools. But the most celebrated performance of doctor Parr

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is a preface to an edition of the works of William Bellenden, written in Latin, and published in the year 1787. This preface is chiefly political, consisting of a retrospect to the internal transactions of Great Britain from the close of the year 1783. Doctor Parr presents us with an animated panegyric upon the characters of lord North, Mr. Fox and Mr. Burke, whom he styles *Fria Lumina Britanniae*; and a glowing invective against the base and unworthy methods, which, in his opinion, were employed, to deprive them of the share they lately held in the government of their country. Doctor Parr's Latin, like his English style, is strong, manly and beautiful; but the parts of it do not always seem aptly fitted to each other, and they certainly possess less of grace and elegance, than of energy.

PARSONS, . A gentleman who was concerned with Mrs. Piozzi, and other natives of Great Britain, in a collection, made in the year 1785, and entitled the Florence Miscellany.

PATERSON, Daniel: a captain in the army, and assistant quarter master general of his majesty's

jeſty's forces. Author of a well known Book of Roads in two volumes octavo ; and a Travelling Dictionary in one volume octavo.

PATERSON, Samuel. A celebrated auctioneer, and a man of ingenuity and abilities. He has written *Coryat Junior*, in three volumes duodecimo ; and *Joineriana*, or a Book of Scraps in two volumes duodecimo. Mr. Paterſon made a *Catalogue Raiſonné* of

PAYNE, . This gentleman has ſeveral names, George Auſtuſ Hervey ; William Frederic Melmoth, &c. &c. His principal work is a Naval Hiſtory of Great Britain by George Auſtuſ Hervey in four volumes octavo.

PECKARD, Peter : D. D. Maſter of Magdalen college in the univerſity of Cambridge. He publiſhed in the year 1753, a Sermon in Favour of the Bill for Naturalizing the Jews ; and a Sermon on Civil and Religious Liberty. His later performances are a Diſſertation on Revelations xi, 13 ; Obſervations on the Doctrines of an Intermediate State ; and ſome ſingle Sermons. Doc-

tor Peckard has been an uniform advocate for toleration and liberty.

PENNANT, Thomas. A gentleman of eminent attainments in the science of natural history. His works are British Zoology in four volumes folio and octavo ; Indian Zoology in one volume folio ; a Synopsis of Quadrupeds in one volume octavo ; a History of Quadrupeds in two volumes quarto ; a Tour in Scotland in two volumes quarto and octavo ; a Tour in Wales in two volumes quarto ; and a Journey from Chester to London in quarto.

PERCIVAL, Thomas : M. D. a physician of Manchester. He has written Effays, Philosophical, Medical and Experimental in one volume octavo ; and the following medical pamphlets : Disadvantages of Early Inoculation ; Experiments on Pump Water ; and Experiments on the Poison of Lead. But the performances by which doctor Percival is best known, are a Father's Instructions to his Children in two volumes duodecimo ; and Moral and Literary Dissertations one volume octavo.

PERCY, Thomas : D. D. bishop of Dromore in the kingdom of Ireland. He has published *Haw Kiou Choean*, a Chinese romance in four volumes duodecimo ; *Reliques of Antient English Poetry* in three volumes duodecimo ; and *the Hermit of Warkworth*, a poetical tale.

PERRY, James. A native of Scotland, and the supposed editor of the newspaper entitled *the Gazetteer*.

PHIPPS, Constantine John, lord Mulgrave of the kingdom of Ireland : a captain in the navy, joint paymaster of the forces, a commissioner of the board of East Indian controul, a commissioner of the board of trade and plantations, a privy counsellor, M. P. and F. R. S. This nobleman failed upon a voyage of discovery towards the north pole in 1767, of which he published a narrative in one volume quarto. His lordship is considered by sarcastic moralists as affording a perfect model, together with his friend Mr. Henry Dundas, of a variable statesman. Having set out in the party of Wilkes and liberty, lord Mulgrave afterwards went
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over to the highest principles of prerogative. He solicited a post under the administration of Mr. Fox, and immediately after declared himself among the most violent aspersors of his character. He voted twice against the measure of a parliamentary reform, and a third time in its favour. In the prosecution of Mr. Hastings he voted him innocent of the four first and most considerable charges, and guilty of the fifth, which, being a charge of corruption, is supposed by these moralists to be most abhorrent to the disposition of lord Mulgrave. His lordship has written some pieces of fugitive poetry, which are to be found in Mr. Debrett's Asylum.

PINDAR, Peter. See WOOLCOT.

PINKERTON, John: a native of Scotland. His first works were of the poetical species, Rhymes published in 1781; Tales in Verse; and two Dithyrâmbic Odes on Enthusiasm and Rapture. Mr. Pinkerton published in 1786 Letters of Literature in one volume octavo, under the name of Robert Heron, esquire; and In 1787 an Enquiry into the Antiquities of
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the Scythians and Gauls in one volume octavo. Mr. Pinkerton is endowed with vanity and good sense, with pedantry, originality, causticity and want of taste.

PINTO, de: a Jew. He published an Essay on Luxury; an Essay on Card Playing; *Lettres à l'Occasion des Troubles des Colonies*, pamphlets; and an Essay on Circulation and Credit in one volume quarto.

PIOZZI, Hester Lynch. The original name of this lady was Salisbury, and her first husband was Henry Thrale, esquire, a brewer in the borough of Southwark. Mr. Thrale having assiduously cultivated the friendship of doctor Samuel Johnson, this lady and her daughters received the benefit of his conversation and instruction. She married for her second husband signor Piozzi, a native of Italy, and a music master of the city of Bath. Mrs. Thrale had long borne with the moroseness and petulance of Johnson for the sake of his great and respectable qualities; but this match occasioned an open and violent rupture between them, and produced several angry
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and ill bred letters from her former preceptor. Mrs. Piozzi travelled soon after her marriage to Florence, the place of her husband's birth, with an intention of fixing her residence in that city. They have since totally quitted Florence and returned to England. The works of Mrs. Piozzi are : The Three Warnings, a tale imitated from La Fontaine, and some other poetical pieces ; Anecdotes of Doctor Johnson, a work of elegance and feeling ; and Letters of Doctor Johnson in two volumes octavo. She was also concerned during her residence in Florence, with some English gentlemen, particularly Mr. Merry, Mr. Parsons, and Mr. Greathead, in a work entitled the Florence Miscellany, or a Collection of Pieces in Prose and Verse, of which a few copies have been printed, but it has not been published. A few specimens of this work have appeared in the newspaper entitled the World, and the preface written by Mrs. Piozzi has been particularly applauded.

PLANTA, Joseph : joint secretary to the Royal Society, and one of the under librarians to the
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British Museum. He wrote an Essay on the Runic or Scandinavian Language.

PLAYFAIR, James : D. D. A native of Scotland and author of a System of Chronology in folio, to which is prefixed a very LORDLY dedication to Mr. Stuart Mackenzie, *lord* register of Scotland.

PLAYFAIR, William : a native of Scotland, and a man of some ingenuity in matters of calculation and finance. He has written a quarto pamphlet, entitled Regulations for the Interest of Money ; and a small volume, being a Commercial and Political Atlas, and representing in the form of charts, the trade, revenue and public debt of this country.

POLWHELE, Richard : a clergyman. Author of the English Orator, a didactic poem ; Pictures from Nature ; and Sonnets.

PORTEUS, Beilby : D. D. lord bishop of London. Doctor Porteus was many years ago chaplain to doctor Secker, archbishop of Canterbury,

terbury, and in that capacity published four volumes of Sermons by that prelate, to which he prefixed a narrative of his grace's life. Doctor Porteus distinguished himself in the year 1776 by his exertions to establish a more solemn observation of the fast of Good Friday, in which he was successful. He published in 1759, a poetical Essay upon the subject of Death; and in the year 1783, a volume of Sermons, which have been considerably admired. The style of Doctor Porteous is classical and correct, but he seems carefully to avoid every thing, that approaches to ornament, energy and imagination. He is supposed to have risen to his present high rank through the particular patronage of her majesty. Doctor Porteus has published a Sermon on the Thirtieth of January before the Commons; a Sermon on the thirtieth of January before the Lords; a Fast Sermon before the Lords in 1779; a Commencement Sermon at Cambridge; a Sermon before the Sons of the Clergy; Two Sermons printed in 1773; an Exhortation on Good Friday; and Confutation of the Errors of the Church of Rome printed in 1782: the two last sixpence each.

POTT, Percival : F. R. S. late surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. His medical works are collected in six volumes octavo.

POTTER, John : a clergyman. Author of some luscious novels, under the titles of the Curate of Coventry ; and the Favourites of Felicity.

POTTER, Thomas : F. R. and A. S. a clergyman, and a man eminent for his proficiency in classical literature. He has published a Translation of the Tragedies of Æschylus in one volume quarto ; of the Tragedies of Euripides in two volumes quarto ; and of the tragedies of Sophocles in one volume quarto ; and an Inquiry into some Passages of Doctor Johnson's Lives of the Poets.

POWELL, John : late governor of one of the provinces of North America. He published in 1777 a Topographical Description of North America ; and a Letter to Doctor Adam Smith on his Enquiry into the Wealth of Nations ; in 1780, a Memorial to the Sovereigns of Europe ;

in 1782, Two Memorials ; and in 1784, a Memorial to the Sovereigns of America.

PRATT, : an adventurer. He was originally a bookseller of the city of Bath ; and his first attempt at distinction in literature consisted in a public reading of passages of some of the most celebrated poets. When Mr. Pratt assumed the character of an author, he stiled himself Courtney Melmoth, esquire ; under which appellation he published the Tears of Genius for the Death of Doctor Goldsmith, a poem ; Liberal Opinions, or the History of Benignus, in six volumes duodecimo ; the Pupil of Pleasure founded upon lord Chesterfield's letters, in two volumes ; Shenstone Green, founded upon a passage in the works of Shenstone, in three volumes ; Travels for the Heart in two volumes ; Emma Corbet, or the Evils of Civil War in three volumes ; the Sublime and Beautiful of Scripture in two volumes ; and an Apology for the Life and Writings of Hume in one volume. Mr. Pratt has written without this signature, Sympathy, a poem ; the Fair Circassian, a tragedy founded on the novel of Almorán and Hamet ;

Hamet ; the School for Vanity, a comedy ; Landscapes in Verse, a poem ; and the Triumphs of Benevolence, an ode upon the intended statue of Mr. Howard. Mr. Pratt has collected his Miscellaneous Works in four volumes duodecimo. His most popular productions have been Emma Corbet, and the poem of Sympathy ; and there are people now living who believe that they possess a degree of merit.

PRICE, Joseph : late a captain in the army. He was some years ago a considerable writer, in respect to quantity, upon the subject of our transactions in the East Indies, and a strenuous defender of “ things as they are ” in that country. His pamphlet in reply to the Travels of Mackintosh is best known, and his tracts are collected in three volumes octavo.

PRICE, Richard : D.D. L.L.D. F.R.S. and fellow of the American Philosophical Societies at Philadelphia and Boston ; a dissenting clergyman at Hackney in Middlesex, and who has been for many years the intimate friend of the marquis of Lansdown. His first publication was a Thank-
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giving Sermon, preached in the year 1759, in which he draws a very favourable picture of the situation and character of this country. He has since published a Review of the Principal Questions in Morals, in octavo; Four Dissertations on Providence, Prayer, &c. in octavo; a Treatise on Reversionary Payments in one volume octavo, and enlarged in the latest edition to two volumes octavo; and an Appeal to the Public on the National Debt. Doctor Price produced in the year 1776 a pamphlet on the Nature of Civil Liberty, and the Justice and Policy of the American War, which made a very extraordinary impression on the inhabitants of this country, though it did not obtain its complete success. This work has been since enlarged so as to make one volume in octavo. The later publications of doctor Price have been Fast Sermons in 1779 and 1781; on Annuities and Assurances, with an Essay on Population, in octavo; State of the Public Finances and Debt for 1783; Observations on the Importance of the American Revolution; and a volume of Sermons on the Christian Doctrine. Doctor Price also contributed his share to a volume of Friendly Correspondence published by himself and doctor Priestley,

Priestley, on the subject of Materialism and Philosophical Necessity. Doctor Price is a writer of genius, of liberality of sentiment, and of much apparent sincerity. But he is disposed to indulge too far to a set of gloomy and romantic ideas. The clearness of his head, and the accuracy of his abstract reasonings and his mathematical knowledge, ought not to be disputed ; but these attainments are not qualified with an accomplishment, indispensable in political character, knowledge of the world.

PRIESTLEY, Joseph : L.L. D. F. R. S. Ac. Imp. Petrop. R. Paris, Holm. Taurin. Aurel. Med. Paris. Cantab. Americ. et Philad. Socius ; a dissenting clergyman of Birmingham in the county of Warwick. Doctor Priestley was originally bred in the principles of Calvinism ; and has a brother of the name of Timothy, who has been for many years a preacher among the methodists. Our author passed early through the gradations of Arianism, till he became the champion of the doctrines of Socinus. He was educated under the tuition of doctor Philip Doddridge, and was first settled as a divine at

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elected, to instruct the pupils of a dissenting academy at Warrington in the county of Lancaster, in universal grammar, rhetoric and history. Having quitted this situation, doctor Priestley undertook the care of a dissenting church at Leeds in the county of York, which place he quitted in 1773 for the appointment of librarian to the marquis of Lansdown. With this nobleman he resided for about seven years, and is still supposed to receive an annuity from him. Doctor Priestley has a numerous family of children.

The first publication of our author was an Introduction to English Grammar in duodecimo, which first appeared in 1762 ; and was followed in 1765, by an Essay on Liberal Education in octavo ; and a Chart of Biography ; and of Universal History. In 1767, doctor Priestley published a pamphlet, entitled an Introduction to the Study of Electricity ; and a History of Electricity in one volume quarto : and in the following year an Essay on the First Principles of Government in octavo ; a pamphlet on the Lord's Supper ; and a small Catechism. Doctor Priestley has since written a Free Address to Protestant

Protestant Dissenters on the Doctrines of Calvinism, price one penny; Considerations for the Use of Young Men, price two-pence; the Trial of Elwal, a quaker, price two-pence; an Address to Masters of Families, with Forms of Family Prayer; Considerations on Church Authority; on Differences of Opinion among Christians; a View of the Principles and Conduct of Protestant Dissenters; a Farewel Sermon preached at Leeds; an Address on the Subject of giving the Lord's Supper to Children; and an Address to Protestant Dissenters as such. Doctor Priestley published in 1772 the first volume of his Institutes of Natural and Revealed Religion, since completed in four volumes duodecimo, and three volumes octavo; and since that period a History of Discoveries upon the Subject of Vision in two volumes quarto; Experiments on Air in six volumes octavo; an Examination of Reid, Beattie, and Oswald; an edition of Hartley's Theory of the Mind in octavo; and a small pamphlet addressed to Protestant Dissenters upon the General Election in 1774. There appeared in 1778, his Disquisitions on Matter and Spirit in octavo; his

Illustrations of Philosophical Necessity in octavo; his Harmony of the Evangelists upon the idea of our lord's ministry continuing for one year in quarto; and Lectures on Oratory and Criticism in quarto. In the following year he published a controversial volume between himself and doctor Price on Materialism and Philosophical Necessity; and a Sermon in opposition to the Orthodox doctrine of divine influences. In 1781 he published a Sermon upon his coming to Birmingham; Two Sermons on Habitual Devotion and Disinterested Benevolence; a Sermon on Church Discipline; and Letters to a Philosophical Unbeliever. Doctor Priestley's History of the Corruptions of Christianity in two volumes octavo, was published in 1783; and was reinforced in 1786 by a View of the Doctrine of the Three First Centuries Relating to the Person of Christ in four volumes octavo. He has also published Forms of Prayer for Unitarian Societies; Letters to the Jews; a Letter to Mr. Pitt on the Test Act; a volume of Sermons; a Sermon on the Slave Trade; and Lectures on the Study of History and General Policy in one volume quarto. Dr.

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Priestley has been engaged in controversy with Mr. Venn, a methodist : with Mr. Brian Higgins on natural philosophy : with Mr. Berrington, a Roman Catholic ; Mr. Whitehead, a quaker ; Mr. Palmer and doctor Price dissenters ; and Mr. Jacob Bryant, on the subjects of materialism and philosophical necessity : with bishop Newcome on the duration of our lord's ministry : with Mr. Badcock and bishop Horsley, upon church history : and with Mr. Hammon, a pretended atheist, and Mr. Levi, a Jew, on the evidences of religion. He also superintended the publication of the Theological Repository, a periodical pamphlet, which appeared first in 1768, and was revived in 1785. Doctor Priestley's abilities are of the first order, and exclusively of his great reputation as a philosopher, he has done more than could reasonably be expected, in the way of giving popularity to his metaphysical and theological sentiments. Commencing his career in the midst of the most atrocious obloquy, he has by mere perseverance secured to himself the good opinion of mankind ; and, disdaining the considerations of interest, has pursued with an undaunted

daunted and unremitting constancy the establishment of his speculative doctrines.

PUDDICOMBE, J.—N—: a mad poet. Author of *Albion Triumphant, or the Twelfth of April*; and an irregular Ode to Mr. Pitt.

PULTENEY, William: M. P. A man of considerable fortune, and one of the most distinguished personages in that class of the house of commons, usually denominated the country gentlemen. He published in 1778 and 1779 a pamphlet on the Affairs of America; and on the Present State of Public Affairs; and in 1783 an Examination of Mr. Fox's India Bill, which was bought up and distributed in great numbers by the friends of Mr. Pitt.

PYE, Henry James: M. P. a poet, endowed with some elegance of expression, and some harmony of versification; but totally destitute of imagination, and genius. He published separately the *Progress of Refinement*, a poem; and *Shooting*, a Poem; and has since republished them, with several other pieces, in two volumes duodecimo.

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RAMSAY, David : M.D. a native of America, and author of *The History of the War in South Carolina* in two volumes octavo.

RAMSAY, James : a clergyman. Author of *Six Sermons* in one volume octavo ; and of an *Essay on the Treatment of African Slaves in the British Sugar Colonies* in one volume octavo. The latter of these publications attracted some notice, and involved the author in controversies, in which he came off with various success.

RASPE, R——E—— : a foreigner of some reputation and merit. He has published, *Specimen Historiæ Naturalis Globi Terraquei* in octavo ; an *Account of some German Volcanos* in octavo ; a translation of Ferber's *Philosophical Travels* in octavo ; an *Essay on Oil Painting* in

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quarto; and a poem, entitled *Tabby in Elysium*.

REED, Joseph. A barrister of Staples' Inn, and editor of a *Collection of Old Plays* in twelve volumes duodecimo; and of the *Dramatic Works of Shakespeare* in ten volumes duodecimo. He has also written *Biographia Dramatica* in two volumes duodecimo.

REES, Abraham: D.D. F.R.S. a dissenting clergyman, and one of the tutors of a clerical seminary of that sect at Hackney. He was employed by the booksellers to superintend a new edition of the *Cyclopedia, or Dictionary of Arts and Sciences*, by E. Chambers. It constitutes four volumes in folio.

REEVES, Clara: a literary lady of Ipswich in Suffolk. She has written the *Old English Baron* in one volume duodecimo; and *Dialogues on the Composition of Novels* in one volume duodecimo.

REID, Thomas: D.D. F.R.S. professor of
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moral philosophy in the university of Glasgow. He was the most scientific of the three defenders of the Scottish common sense. His first publication upon that subject, entitled an Enquiry into the Human Mind, made its appearance in the year 1764 in one volume octavo; and he published in 1785 Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man in one volume quarto. Both these performances have had many admirers.

RENNEL, James : F.R.S. The delineator of a very beautiful map of Indostan, accompanied with a Geographical Description of that country in quarto.

REYNOLDS, sir Joshua : knight, president of the Royal Academy. He has been for many years placed at the head of the professors of the art of painting in this country; but it has been a subject of strenuous contention between his adversaries and his admirers, whether he is most indebted for this circumstance to intrigue or to merit. The late doctor Goldsmith inserted a very beautiful panegyric upon his moral charac-

ter in his poem of Retaliation; and this, if justly founded, is the more admirable, as the professors of his art appear to be exposed in a greater degree to the insinuations of jealousy, than almost any other description of persons in society. His Discourses to the Royal Academy upon the Anniversary of their Institution, the tenth of September 1768, have been regularly printed, and possess considerable elegance of thinking, and beauty of expression. Sir Joshua Reynolds also furnished to doctor Samuel Johnson some notes for his edition of Shakespeare, and to Mr. William Mason some notes for his translation of Frefnoy.

RICHARDSON,——. The supposed editor of an evening paper, entitled the English Chronicle.

RICHARDSON, John: F. R. S. A celebrated proficient in the Persian language. He has published a Specimen of Persian Poetry; a Grammar of the Arabic Language; a Dissertation on the Languages and Manners of the Eastern Nations in one volume octavo; and a Dictionary, Persian, Arabic, and English, in two volumes folio.

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RICHARDSON, William. F. R. S. Professor of humanity in the university of Glasgow. He is the author of an Analysis of the Dramatic Characters of Shakespeare in two volumes duodecimo; and Letters on Russia in one volume octavo.

ROBERTSON, William: D. D. principal of the university of Edinburgh; one of the ministers of the High Church in that city; and his majesty's historiographer for the kingdom of Scotland. Doctor Robertson published in the year 1759, a History of Scotland, principally in relation to the reigns of Mary and James the Sixth, her son, in two volumes quarto, which proved the source of a very high degree of reputation to their author. Lord Chesterfield, who is by so much the better an authority in this case, as he is a mere echo to the voice of fashion, does not scruple to equal the work of Robertson to the Roman History of Livy. Encouraged by his success in this instance, doctor Robertson farther produced in the year 1769, a History of the Reign of Charles the Fifth, Emperor of

Germany, in three volumes quarto. He also published in 1777, as a sort of appendage to this last work, a History of the Spanish Settlements in South America in two volumes quarto. Doctor Robertson's reputation has not increased by being brought to the touchstone of time. Compared with the accurate researches of doctor Gilbert Stuart, it appeared that the composition of Robertson was confused, incorrect and superficial; and compared with the philosophical spirit and the enlightened discrimination of Hume, it began to be thought that Robertson was neither judicious nor original. He published soon after the death of doctor Stuart, his antagonist, additions to his History of Scotland, chiefly relative to the question of the innocence or guilt of Mary queen of Scots, and several years before a Sermon upon the Time of Christ's Coming into the World, which has been much applauded.

ROBINSON, Matthew. See MONTAGU.

ROBINSON, Robert: an anabaptist clergyman in the neighbourhood of Cambridge.

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This gentleman is a preacher of popular talents ; and, from this circumstance, and by a manly and unaffected carriage, acquired to himself some consideration from the gentlemen of the university. But, though possessed of abilities, the greatness of his prejudices, and the vehemence of his zeal are calculated to detract from his merit as a writer. He published in 1770 the *Young Dissenting Minister's Companion and Directory* ; and in 1776 a *Plea for the Divinity of Christ*. In the following year Mr. Robinson produced a pamphlet, chiefly in opposition to the projects of Bishop Porteus, entitled *the History and Mystery of Good Friday* ; and in 1777, a *Syllabus of Lectures on the Principles of Nonconformity*, which lost him the friendship of many of the divines of the established church, and was answered by doctor John Sturges with as much candour and good sense, as Mr. Robinson had displayed of illiberality and bigotry. Our author has also published a *Translation of the Sermons of Saurin* in four volumes octavo ; a *Translation of Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon* in two volumes octavo ; *Sermons on Various Subjects* in one volume

octavo; and a Political Catechism in one volume duodecimo.

ROMAINE, William: rector of St. Anne's church, Black Friars, and preacher at the church of St. Dunstan in the West. A methodical clergyman, and author of Sermons upon the Law and the Gospel in one volume octavo, and the Walk of Faith in two volumes duodecimo. He also superintended an edition of Castellio's Concordance in four volumes folio.

ROOKE, Henry: author of a pamphlet, entitled Travels into Arabia Felix.

ROUS, Thomas Bates: author of a pamphlet, published in 1786, and entitled Observations on the Commutation Project. This performance is in opposition to the measures of administration, and is supposed to contain the strongest arguments that have been urged on that side of the question.

ROSE, George: secretary to the treasury, master of the Pleas Office, and M. P. This gentleman

gentleman is one of those persons, of whom it is supposed that the force of natural genius does not permit them to remain in the obscure situation in which they were born. We first hear of him as the purser of a man of war, and he rose through several gradations to his present eminence. He possessed the same appointment under the marquis of Lansdown, which he now holds under Mr. Pitt. He is supposed to have written a pamphlet, published in the year 1785, and entitled, the Proposed System of Trade with Ireland Explained.

RUSSEL, —. A native of Scotland, and author of a History of Modern Europe, for the Use of Schools, in four volumes octavo. This work is not ill done as a compilation; but, by its size, and the minuteness of its detail, does not well answer to the use for which it was intended.

RUTHERFORD, William: D.D. A clergyman of the church of Scotland, and author of a View of Ancient History in octavo, of which the first volume was published in the beginning of the present year.

RYLAND, John: an anabaptist clergyman. He has published Instructions for profitably receiving the Word of God; a Scriptural Preservative of Women from Ruin; Playing Cards for the Instruction of Youth in the Science of History; an Introduction to Mechanics in duodecimo; and the Preceptor in duodecimo.

RYVES, Eliza: a political poetess. Author of an Epistle to Mr. Fox; an Ode to Lord John Cavendish; and a volume of Poems in octavo.

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SALMON, Nicholas : an itinerant teacher of the French language in the metropolis. He has published the *Expeditious Accomptant* in duodecimo; *Rules for the French Genders*; a *Footstep to the French Language*; and a *Complete System of the French Language* in one volume octavo.

SARGEANT, John. Author of the *Mine*, a dramatic poem, with chorusses, the subject of which is principally the wonders of the fossil kingdom. It is a performance of great learning, and of more ingenuity than enthusiasm.

SCOTT, John : late a major in the service of the East India Company, and M. P. This gentleman was for some years agent to Mr. Hastings, governor general of Bengal, and was very active in the service of his employer. In
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this capacity he published Letters to Mr. Burke; Letters to Mr. Fox; two Answers to Mr. Burke's Speech on the India Bill; a Narrative of Transactions in Bengal; and the Conduct of his Majesty's late Ministers Considered; beside innumerable letters, paragraphs, puffs and squibs in the newspapers, of which a very curious bill, to the amount of several hundred pounds, was published in 1787 by the editor of the Morning Herald. If perseverance and confidence could have gained a cause, the triumph of the indefatigable major would have been complete; and accordingly they had their weight, while the question remained in loose and general terms. Finding that his literary reputation was upon the decline, major Scott has chosen of late years, rather to benefice the pen of another, than to trust to the impotence of his own. It has been imputed to this gentleman, notwithstanding the temerity of his zeal, that he has been greatly instrumental in bringing his principal into his present undesirable situation.

SCOTT, : a poetess. Author of a performance

formance entitled the Female Advocate, which has had between two and three admirers.

SELLON, William: rector of the church of St. James, Clerkenwell, and joint lecturer with Mr. Harrison at St. Andrews, Holborn, and the Magdalen hospital, St. George's Fields. He has published an Abridgement of the Holy Scriptures, price one shilling and sixpence.

SEWARD, Anna. A lady of considerable accomplishments, beautiful in her person, lively and entertaining in her conversation, and celebrated for her great excellence in the art of reading. She has published several poems: an Elegy on Captain Cook, written in the year 1780; a Monody on Major Andre; a Poem to the Memory of Lady Miller of Bath Easton Villa, near Bath; Louisa, a poetical novel in a series of letters; and an Ode to General Elliot upon the Siege of Gibraltar.

SEWARD, : a prebendary of Litchfield cathedral, and father to the author of Louisa. He was concerned in an edition of the
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dramatic works of Beaumont and Fletcher, in ten volumes octavo.

SHARPE, Granville: president of the association for the abolition of the slave trade. This gentleman has long been employed in the exercise of benevolence, and in an endeavour to meliorate the condition of the unfortunate classes of mankind. He has published, from the year 1769 inclusive, Remarks on several very important Prophecies; a Treatise on Slavery; Remarks on the Distinction between Manlaughter and Murder; Considerations on the Law of Nature in one volume octavo; on the People's Right to a Share in the Legislature; and Political Reformation.

SHAW, William: a native of Scotland, a friend of the late doctor Johnson, and a clergyman. He published in 1780, a Galic and English Dictionary in two volumes quarto; and in the following year engaged in a controversy in opposition to the poems of Ossian, in which, though he exerted both learning and acuteness, he experienced a very rough treatment from the
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champion of the authenticity of those poems,
Mr. John Clarke.

SHEFFIELD, lord. See HOLROYD.

SHERIDAN, Charles Francis: under secretary of state for the war department in the kingdom of Ireland, and M. P. in that kingdom. This gentleman is the eldest son of Mr. Thomas Sheridan, the actor, and obtained his present appointment in the year 1784. He published in 1778 a History of the late Revolution in Sweden in one volume octavo; and has written some pamphlets, which were received with applause, upon the ministerial side of the question, during the dissensions of Ireland. The title of one of those pamphlets is Letters of a Dungannon Volunteer respecting the Expediency of a Parliamentary Reform.

SHERIDAN, Richard Brinsley: M. P. and younger brother of Mr. Charles Sheridan, the subject of the preceding article. This gentleman received a considerable part of his education at the school of Harrow in Middlesex,
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where he was particularly indebted to the kindness of doctor Sumner, the head master, and contracted a friendship with doctor Parr, at that time one of the under masters, which has ever since subsisted. His original destination was that of the law, and he is said to have made considerable proficiency in that study. Mr. Sheridan married in 1773 Miss Elizabeth Linley, who had at that time great celebrity as a public singer, and a part of whose story, very honorable to herself, is commemorated by Mr. Samuel Foote, in a comedy entitled the Maid of Bath. Though this lady brought Mr. Sheridan little or no fortune, it has however been supposed, that his subsequent figure in the world has been in some degree owing to this marriage. Even at this early period, for he was now in the twenty-second or twenty-third year of his age, he displayed that pride and dignity of mind, which are characteristic of a generous spirit and a true genius; since, notwithstanding his narrow, or rather necessitous circumstances, he would not permit Mrs. Sheridan to engage herself at any place of public entertainment. It was much about the same period

period, that he was engaged in a duel with Captain Matthews, in which he displayed great intrepidity and spirit, and the circumstances of which enhanced his reputation.

The second period of Mr. Sheridan's life makes a part of the dramatical history of this country. On the seventeenth of January 1775 was first performed at the theatre of Covent-Garden, his comedy of the Rivals. The piece, as it was originally played nearly doubled in length the ordinary duration of a theatrical performance; and it suffered greatly on the first night from the severity of the audience. It was immediately withdrawn, and, being new moulded by its author, was again represented with considerable success. The Rivals is a very imperfect composition, though it bears indisputable marks of the fertility of the author's genius. The character of Mrs. Malaprop, who is distinguished from the ordinary run of illiterate pretenders, by the mere circumstance of her pronouncing hard words correctly, but using them in an improper sense, instead of murdering the words themselves, as is usually

the case, is ill conceived and unnatural. The idea of Acres with his new fangled oaths, who always swears by objects appropriate to the subject of which he is treating, is an equal violation of probability; and there runs through the performance an endeavour to give character and originality, which is always built upon affected circumstances, and never upon experience and knowledge of human nature.

In the following year Mr. Sheridan enriched the English drama by the opera of the Duenna. The success of this piece was beyond all former example. The Beggars Opera, which had all the wits, and half the nobility of England for its partisans, ran sixty-three nights in one season; the Duenna ran seventy-five nights. The satire of this piece is beautiful and poignant; the flashes of wit are perpetual, and always of the genuine sort; the songs are characterized by that *onction*, that ripeness and mellowness of expression, which is probably the grand secret of song writing.

But even the merit of the Duenna was thrown into a comparative oblivion by the production

in the following year of the School for Scandal. The reputation of this piece has been greater and more immediate, than that of any literary production, that ever existed; and its merit is scarcely inferior to its reputation. The idea of its two principal characters resemble that of the celebrated romance of Tom Jones; but, in moral, it is greatly inferior to that wonderful performance. Character indeed is not the forte even of this completest production of our author; but every thing is so exquisitely finished, and so happily conveyed, that our entertainment is unbounded, and we can never enough applaud our mirth.

The later performances of Mr. Sheridan have been a Monody to the Memory of Mr. Garrick, and the afterpiece of the Critic. The first of these would have reflected lustre upon an inferior genius, but adds nothing to our admiration of Mr. Sheridan. The first act of the Critic, which consists of dramatical dialogue, has great merit, particularly in the character of sir Fretful Plagiary, which is supposed to be a satire upon Mr. Richard Cumberland, a gentleman of mild

and amiable manners, but who is probably subject in some degree to the weakness here ridiculed, and who was so ill advised or unfortunate as to give offence to our author. The two last acts, which consist of a mock tragedy, have as much merit as their plan will allow, under the two disadvantages of being barren in its own nature, and being anticipated by the popular comedy of the Rehearsal. The author of the Rehearsal had the advantage of writing in an æra of false taste, and having for the topic of his ridicule the absurdities of so great a genius as Mr. Dryden. The errors of modern tragedies are too evanescent for satire, and Mr. Sheridan, in order to be intelligible, was obliged sometimes to have recourse to the best passages of Shakespeare. Our mirth may be excited by a travesty of Homer, but we can never applaud the author. Mr. Sheridan has been reported, with what truth we know not, to have had some share in the Camp, a farce intended to compliment the duchess of Devonshire. He contributed a prologue to captain Ayfcough's tragedy of Semiramis; and has written some other pieces of the same nature. Mr. Sheridan

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has also projected a comic opera, entitled the Foresters, which has never been brought upon the stage, and never finished.

In the year 1776, when Mr. Garrick retired from the stage, Mr. Sheridan purchased in conjunction with Mr. Linley, his father-in-law, and doctor Ford, one moiety of the property of Drury Lane theatre; to which they soon after added the other moiety. Mr. Sheridan's share of this property is said to have amounted to more than one half, or about 50,000*l*. For some years he continued the acting manager of the affairs of this theatre. But, having thus compleated every thing to which his ambition could aspire in this particular line, he now turned the activity of his mind to another object, and was encouraged by the friendship of Mr. Fox to offer himself as a candidate, to represent the town of Stafford in the parliament, summoned to meet on the thirtieth of October 1780.

Mr. Sheridan had not every advantage for the forming a great public speaker, which is the

only character that leads with certainty and honor to an eminent station in the British government. His voice in particular was neither strong, harmonious, nor of considerable compass. He has however the benefit of a remarkably clear and accurate articulation, and Mr. Sheridan had been early initiated in ideas of public speaking by his father. The difficulties, under which he laboured, were conquered by an unwearied perseverance, and by exercising his voice on trifling topics and ordinary occasions. But this conquest was not compleated, when he was appointed in April 1782 under secretary of state in the department of Mr. Fox, or even when in April 1783 he was promoted to be secretary to the treasury under the duke of Portland. In the session of 1785 Mr. Sheridan made a celebrated speech upon the fourth of the twenty Irish propositions; and in the following year upon a motion he brought forward upon the subject of finance; of the former of which a tolerable report was published, and has been inserted in the Parliamentary Register. But Mr. Sheridan rose to his greatest height as a speaker in 1787, when he opened

opened the third article of impeachment in the house of commons against Mr. Hastings, upon the subject of the punishment inflicted by him, for the rebellion, real or pretended, of the princesses of Oude. This speech was five hours and a half in length, and those, who heard it, seemed to think, that no words in the English language could enable them to do justice to its wit, its sublimity, and its pathos. Mr. Sheridan has an only son, of whom report speaks favourably, and who is at present under the tuition of doctor Samuel Parr.

SHERIDAN, Thomas. The son of doctor Thomas Sheridan, a schoolmaster of Dublin and the particular friend of doctor Jonathan Swift. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and intended for the profession of the law ; but, having a passion for the stage, he broke through the trammels of paternal authority, and assumed the character of an actor. The earlier part of his career was attended with great applause, and among other instances with the panegyric of Churchill in his *Rosciad* ; but his reputation in the theatre has rather diminished than in-

creased. After having appeared as a performer both in London and Dublin, he undertook, in conjunction with Mr. Henry Woodward, to establish a theatre in the latter city, in opposition to the old theatre of Mr. Spranger Barry. But the scheme finally miscarried. Mr. Sheridan next undertook to instruct a number of pupils in the art of elocution; and his publications about this period were *British Education* in octavo, published in 1755: an *Oration on Education*; and an *Address on the State of the Irish Stage* in 1758: a *Discourse on Oratory* in 1759: *Lectures on Elocution* in one volume quarto; and a pamphlet on the *Difficulties of Learning the English Tongue* in 1762: a *Plan of Education* in 1769: *Lectures on the Art of Reading Prose and Verse* in two volumes octavo in 1775: an *English Dictionary* in two volumes quarto in 1780: and an *Address to the Public on Education* in 1783.

In these publications, though they are not destitute of good sense, there is a moderate portion of pedantry and self conceit. In his preface to the *Art of Reading Prose* in particular, Mr.

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Sheridan observes, that the irreligion and scepticism of the present age are owing to the slovenly manner in which our clergy read prayers; that they might hitherto justify their negligence and ignorance by the want of instruction; but that now that his book had been published, if irreligion and scepticism be not banished out of the island, the clergy will remain without excuse. Cicero has endeavoured to prove in his book *de Oratore*, that in order to be an orator, a man must be virtuous; Mr. Sheridan has reversed the maxim, and proved that the only way to be both virtuous and wise, is to study the art of speaking.

In the winter of 1782, Mr. Sheridan revived a mode of entertainment, which he had attempted thirteen years before under the appellation of an Attic Evening's Entertainment, and which he gave now under the more modest and natural name of English Readings. In 1784 and 1785, he repeated these amusements in conjunction with Mr. John Henderson; but, though we believe, that Mr. Sheridan was greatly superior to Mr. Henderson in good sense, in acquired accom-

complishments and in elocution ; yet, such was the fickleness of the multitude, that they bestowed the palm openly upon his coadjutor, and treated Mr. Sheridan with negligence and contempt. In the year 1785 Mr. Sheridan published a work, which he had long projected, the Life of Doctor Jonathan Swift, in one volume octavo. This is infinitely superior to any of the rest of his performances, and, though it be somewhat loquacious and prolix, yet is it upon the whole a noble monument of virtue and patriotism in the great character that is the subject of it. Mr. Sheridan also affixed some notes to an edition printed at the same time of the works of Swift.

Mr. Sheridan has four children, Charles and Richard, the subject of the two preceding articles ; and two daughters, residing in the city of Dublin, and unmarried. In this literary and meritorious family, Mrs. Sheridan, the mother, also acquired by her writings no mean share of reputation. She produced Nourjahad in one volume duodecimo ; and Sidney Bidulph in five volumes duodecimo, novels : and the Discovery, a comedy.

SHERLOCK, Martin : a clergyman, and chaplain to Frederic, earl of Bristol and lord bishop of Derry in the kingdom of Ireland. During his travels with his patron, he published *Lettres d'un Voyageur Anglois*, in French ; and *Configlio ad un Giovane Poeta*, in Italian; and soon after his return in 1781, Letters on several Subjects in two volumes duodecimo. Mr. Sherlock has an equal share of sprightliness, ingenuity and impertinence.

SHIPLEY, Jonathan : D. D. lord bishop of St. Asaph. He has published a Sermon Preached before the Lords on the thirtieth of January 1770; and a Speech, Intended to have been Spoken, upon the bill for altering the charter of the colony of Massachusetts's Bay ; the latter of which has been greatly admired for the elegance of its composition, and the rectitude of its sentiments. Doctor William Shipley, dean of St. Asaph, who was prosecuted for a libel in publishing the Political Dialogue of sir William Jones, is the son of the bishop.

SIMPSON, John: a dissenting clergyman; and author of a pamphlet, intended to prove that christianity was best conveyed in the historic form.

SINCLAIR, sir John: a native of Scotland, M. P. and a baronet. He has published, *Lucubrations during a short Recess in 1782; Thoughts on our Naval Strength; Hints on the State of our Finances; and a History of the Public Revenue of the British Empire*, in one volume quarto.

SMITH, Adam: L. L. D. and late professor of in the university of Edinburgh. Doctor Smith, the friend of Mr. David Hume, published an account of the death of that great man, which subjected him to the animadversions of the clergy, as being calculated to prove, that a man, who was an atheist, might pass through the last scene of life in serenity. His chief antagonist was doctor George Horne, dean of Canterbury, who was answered in a very curious style by Mr. Courtney Melmoth, alias Pratt.

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Doctor Smith published in 1759, the Theory of Moral Sentiments in one volume octavo; and in 1776 a Treatise on the Causes of the Wealth of Nations, in two volumes quarto. The latter of these works, though it has risen into notice by slow degrees, has at length been translated into almost all the languages of Europe, and bids fair to secure its author an unfading reputation. It is the greatest monument, that has yet been erected, of the successful exertions of human genius in the science of politics. If its leading principles have been anticipated by the great Fenelon, this, though it does the highest honour to that first and most amiable of men, is not calculated to detract from the reputation of doctor Smith. It is no second praise, to have added demonstration to truth, and to have pursued it regularly through its various consequences.

SMITH, Charlotte: a lady of the county of Suffex, and of the neighbourhood of Mr. Hayley. Actuated probably by the reputation of that poet, she produced in 1784 Sonnets and other Poems, which are characterised by great elegance

elegance of feeling and beauty of expression. Mrs. Smith is the mother of ten children.

SMITH, Hugh. M. D. a physician of great reputation and practice in the eastern part of the metropolis. He has written the Family Physician; on the Circulation of the Blood and Phlebotomy; a Compendium of the Modern Practice of Physic in one volume octavo; Use and Abuse of Mineral Waters; Philosophy of Physic; and Philosophical Enquiries into the Laws of Animal Life.

SPILSBURY, Francis: a quack doctor in Soho Square. He has written the Friendly Physician; Free Thoughts on Quacks and their Medicines; and Physical Differtations on the Scurvy and Gout.

STAFFORD, John: D. D. A dissenting clergyman of the Calvinistical persuasion. He has published the Scripture Doctrine of Sin and Grace Considered in a Series of Sermons in one volume octavo.

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STAIR, earl of. See DALRYMPLE.

STANHOPE, Charles, earl Stanhope : F. R. S. This nobleman has applied himself with some success to the study of natural philosophy, and the doctrine of chances. Upon these subjects he has contributed several papers to the philosophical transactions; and he published in 1786 A Scheme for the Liquidation of the National Debt. Though ministerial in his politics, and united, both by inclination and consanguinity, to the chancellor of the exchequer, he is considerably independent in his conduct, and desirous of promoting to the best of his judgment the public welfare. His lordship is somewhat ungraceful in his elocution, and has displayed a little of party-spirit in matters of election.

STEELE, Joshua : F. R. S. A gentleman of fortune and learning, who published in 1776, a curious Dissertation on the Melody of Speech in one volume quarto.

STEEVENS, George : a gentleman of fortune residing at Hampstead. He published in 1765

an edition of *Twenty Plays of Shakespeare* in four volumes octavo; and in 1773 negotiated a coalition between that book and doctor Johnson's edition, the fruit of which appeared in ten volumes octavo.

STENNET, Samuel: D. D. an anabaptist clergyman. He has published a pamphlet in *Vindication of Adult Baptism*; a pamphlet on the *Subscription of Dissenters to the Thirty-Nine Articles*; *Sermons on Personal Religion* in two volumes octavo; and *Sermons on the Domestic Duties* in one volume octavo.

STEUART, sir James: a baronet of the kingdom of Scotland. He published in 1767 *Political Oeconomy* in two volumes quarto.

STOCKDALE, Percival: a clergyman. Mr. Stockdale is a veteran of the press. He commenced his literary career in the character of a poet, having published in 1764 *Churchil Defended*, a poem, and the *Constituents*, a poem; and in the year 1769 a translation of *Aminta*, a pastoral drama, from the Italian of Tasso.

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Mr. Stockdale translated for the booksellers the *Antiquities of Greece* of the Abbe de Bos ; and the *Customs of the Antient Nations* in two volumes by the Abbe Sabathier. At a more recent period our author has given to the world *Three Sermons on Luxury, Dissipation, and Universal Benevolence ; Sermons on Various Subjects* in one volume octavo ; an edition of the *Poems of Waller* in duodecimo ; *An Inquiry into the Nature and Laws of Poetry ; An Essay on Education ; An Essay on Misanthropy ; Miscellanies in Prose and Verse* in duodecimo ; *Three Poems on Sir Ashton Lever and Mrs. Siddons ; and Ximenes*, a tragedy. Mr. Stockdale has never been a popular writer, and his miscarriage has been somewhat unfortunate. He is paradoxical, without being ingenious ; he is new, without the faculty of invention ; and he possesses the true poetic melancholy, without one particle of poetic imagination.

STRANGE, Sir Robert : knight. This gentleman is by profession an engraver ; but he was for some years unfortunate, in consequence of a

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misunderstanding, first with the earl of Bute, and then with his most gracious majesty. He has published a Letter to Lord Bute, stating to the public his grievances; an Account of the Rise and Establishment of the Royal Academy; and a Catalogue Raisonnée of a collection of pictures. The honour of knighthood was conferred upon him in the year 1787.

STRATFORD, earl of Alborough: an Irish peer. A *petit maitre* and a patriot; equally ready to expire at the feet of a fine lady, and “to die with pleasure for his country’s good.” His works in octavo consist of a Treatise on the Interests and Resources of Great Britain and Ireland; price sixpence.

STRATFORD, —: D.D. Author of a tragedy titled Lord Ruffel, which he found himself unable to bring regularly upon the stage, and therefore hired a company of actors for the express purpose of performing it at Drury Lane theatre in the summer of 1785. The exhibition is reported to have produced all the effects of a genuine comedy.

STRETCH, L—— M——. A schoolmaster at Twickenham in the county of Middlesex, and compiler of the Beauties of History in two volumes duodecimo.

STUART, Andrew : a native of Scotland, and brother to major general James Stuart, late commander in chief at Fort St. George in the East Indies. He has published Four Letters to Lord Mansfield.

STUART, Charles : a dramatic writer, and a friend of Mr. George Colman senior. His performances are Gretna Green, and the Distressed Baronet, farces ; and a few prologues and epilogues.

STUART, Peter : brother to the subject of the preceding article. He is the printer, and is supposed to have some share in the conduct of the newspaper called the Morning Post.

STURGES, John : D. D. prebendary of Winchester. He published in 1779 Considerations on the Church Establishment in Reply to the

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Lectures on Nonconformity of Mr. Robert
Robinson.

SULLIVAN, Robert Joseph. Author of Philo-
sophical Rhapsodies, or Fragments of Akbar of
Betlis in three volumes octavo.

SWINBURNE, Henry. Author of Travels
through Spain in one volume quarto; and
Travels in Naples and Sicily in two volumes
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TASKER, William : a clergyman, and a writer of poetry. He commenced his career about the year 1779 ; and produced an Ode to the Warlike Genius of Great Britain ; an Ode to the Memory of the Bishop of Sodor and Man ; the *Carmen Seculare* of Horace Imitated ; and a small collection of Miscellaneous Poems. Since that time he has given to the world the first volume in octavo of a translation of Odes of Pindar and Horace, and *Annus Mirabilis*, or the Year 1782, a poem. Mr. Tasker's writings are not good prose, because they are tagged with rhymes ; and they are not good poetry, because they are cold, insipid, pleonastic and prosaical.

TEMPLE, Henry : lord viscount Palmerston of the kingdom of Ireland. His lordship has pro-

duced many Charades, Anagrams, Rebuses and Acrostics, a selection of which are to be found in Mr. Debrett's Foundling Hospital for Wit.

THICKNESSE, Philip : F. R. S. father to George Thicknesse Tuchet lord Audley. He has published the Valetudinarian's Bath Guide ; a Letter to a Young Lady ; an Analysis of Man-Midwifery ; an Account of Four Persons Starved to Death ; a Letter to Doctor Falconer ; a Narrative of a Transaction between himself and sir Henry Erskine baronet in 1768 ; an Account of the Customs and Manners of the French Nation ; Hints to those who make the Tour of France in one volume octavo ; a Journey through France and Spain in two volumes octavo ; a Year's Journey through France in two volumes octavo ; a Treatise on the Art of Decyphering in one volume octavo ; Queries to Lord Audley ; and a Vindication of Pere Pascal, a monk of Montferrat upon the subject of some flower roots. In order to induce purchasers to his Queries to Lord Audley, he some time ago exhibited gratis to such purchasers, a waxen figure of the bloody hand and head of count Struensee. Mr. Thicknesse is a man of a peculiar character, capricious, gloomy and

and resentful. His quarrel with his son lord Audley has been carried to the utmost height of aversion and abhorrence, probably not without faults on both sides.

THOMSON, William : L. L. D. formerly a clergyman of the church of Scotland, now resident in London. He wrote a continuation of doctor Robert Watson's History of Philip the Third of Spain ; and the Man in the Moon, a political and philosophical romance in two volumes duodecimo. Doctor Thomson is understood to have been concerned in the original institution of a periodical publication called the English Review ; and to have written the review of politics which was subjoined to each number. His more recent publications have been, a translation of the History of Great Britain from the Revolution to the Accession of George the First written in Latin by Mr. Alexander Cunningham, in two volumes quarto ; an Appeal to the People of England and Scotland in Behalf of Mr. Hastings ; and Memoirs of the Late War in Asia in two volumes octavo, which was also intended for the vindication of the late governor

general. Doctor Thomson, as an author, is considered as remarkable for shrewdness of thinking, eloquence of manner, and negligence of composition.

TICKEL, Richard : one of the commissioners for the receipt of the stamp duties. He is descended from the reverend Thomas Tickel, author of the celebrated *Elegy upon the Death of Addison* ; and married Miss Linley, the sister of Mrs. Sheridan, who died in 1787. His productions are, the *Projects*, a poem ; the *Wreath of Fashion*, a poem ; *Anticipation of the Debates of the House of Commons for November 1778* ; the *Green Box of Mr. de Sartine* ; *Common Place Arguments* ; the *Carnival of Venice*, an Opera ; and an alteration of the *Gentle Shepherd of Allen Ramfay*.

TOOKE, John Horne. A distinguished political character of this country. At the time he commenced his career, he was a clergyman at Brentford in Middlesex, and was induced to take a very active part in the election canvas of Mr. Wilkes at the celebrated period of 1768. Mr. Horne,

Horne, which was the name by which our author was then known, was deeply concerned, with Messrs. Glynn, Sawbridge, Oliver, Townsend, Bellas, Vaughan, and others, in the subsequent measures for the support of Mr. Wilkes's cause, and in the institution of the society of the bill of rights. An accusation having been brought against Mr. Wilkes, that he exerted himself to engross the whole subscription money of this society to himself, and that he would not permit the other sufferers in the cause of liberty to share in its benefits, Mr. Horne, together with many others, deserted their political leader, and a newspaper controversy soon after broke out between these two gentlemen, in which they very liberally accused each other of roguery and swindling about an important affair of a Welch poney, and a packet of foul linen. Mr. Horne also entered the lists as a champion with the writer of Junius's Letters, in which it was commonly thought, that the political divine came off with the worst. About this time Mr. Horne resigned his gown, and, still interesting himself in politics, he was brought to his trial in 1777 for a libel, in having

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ing charged the king's troops with murdering the American soldiery at Lexington and Bunker's Hill. In this trial Mr. Horne subpoenaed lord George Sackville and several of the king's ministers, who did not think proper to answer his summons, and, having undertaken to plead his own cause, he delivered a speech of about three hours, full of ingenuity, argument and shrewdness. Mr. Horne was at this time preparing himself for the bar ; but his usual ill fortune attended him. Some trifling objections were conjured up to exclude him from the profession he had chosen, and in several attempts, which he made about this period, to address his old audiences of freeholders and others, he was constantly overborne and silenced by the clamours of a party. The native energy of his mind enabled him to find a consolation amidst these disappointments in the pursuits of literature, and, having applied himself to the study of universal grammar, the fruits of his labour appeared, first in a Letter to Mr. John Dunning [lord Ashburton] published in 1778 ; and afterwards in a volume entitled ΕΠΕΑ ΠΤΕΡΟΕΝΤΑ or the Diversions of Purley, published in the year 1786. Mr. Horne assumed
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the surname of Tooke in 1782, in consequence of the will of Andrew Tooke esquire, a gentleman who left him a considerable estate ; and in 1787 he published a spirited and manly Letter in defence of Mrs. Fitzherbert, under the idea of her being the lawful consort of his royal highness the prince of Wales. The style of Mr. Horne is perspicuous and nervous, and his intellectual acuteness has seldom been equalled. His Diversions of Purley have been particularly admired, and are conceived by the generality of readers to have totally demolished the system of Mr. James Harris of Salisbury, upon whom for many years the compliments of the literati of this country were heaped with the greatest profusion.

TOOKE, — — : a clergyman. Author of *Russia* in four volumes octavo.

TOPHAM, Edward : late an officer in the guards. He has written *Letters from Edinburgh* in one volume octavo ; an *Answer to Mr. Burke's Letter on the Subject of America* ; and the *Fool*, a farce, originally performed for the benefit of

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Mrs. Wells of Covent-Garden theatre. Mr. Topham was the original institutor on the first of January 1787 of a newspaper, called the World, which is now supposed to be principally conducted by the reverend Mr. Este.

TOULMIN, G—— H—— : M. D. Author of a work upon the Antiquity and Duration of the World in one volume octavo, which has been admired for its learning and acuteness, but which is not exempt from the imputation of infidelity.

TOULMIN, Joshua : A. M. an anabaptist clergyman of the Socinian persuasion. He has published, Sermons for the Instruction of Youth in one volume duodecimo ; Letters on the Subscription of the Dissenters to the Thirty-nine Articles ; Memoirs of the Life and Writings of Socinus in one volume octavo ; Letters to doctor John Sturges on his Vindication of the Church Establishment ; and a Comparison between Jesus Christ and Mahomed.

TOWERS, Joseph : L. L. D. a dissenting clergyman. This gentleman was originally of some mechanical profession, but, having obtained by
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his abilities the patronage of certain dissenting ministers, he was encouraged to apply himself to the study of literature, and induced to embrace the profession of a divine. He published in 1763 a pamphlet, entitled a Review of the Doctrines of Christianity; and in 1773 an Examination of the Evidence brought by Sir John Dalrymple against William Lord Ruffel and Algernon Sydney. Doctor Towers superintended the publication of a work, entitled British Biography in nine volumes octavo; and has since been joined with doctor Kippis, in the conduct of an edition now publishing of the Biographia Britannica. The bias of the doctor's writings has always been in favour of the principles of the whigs: he published with this view a Confutation of Hume's History of England in a small pamphlet; and a Vindication of the Political Principles of Mr. Locke, in Reply to the Remarks of Doctor Josiah Tucker: and, having declared himself an advocate of the party of Mr. Fox, doctor Towers published in 1782 a small Letter to the Earl of Shelburne, consisting of invective against his conduct, upon the death of the marquis of Rockingham. The last publication of our

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author was a pamphlet upon the subject of Juries, summing up the argument upon the question, “whether they were judges of law as well as of fact,” and deciding in the affirmative. This pamphlet has been thought to be the best of his works, and is not deficient in shrewdness.

TRAVIS, George: A. M. archdeacon of Chester. He published in 1784, in quarto, Letters to Mr. Gibbon, the historian, upon the authenticity of the seventh verse of the fifth chapter of the Epistle of St. John. This pamphlet is written with much ability, energy and eloquence, but is degraded by its virulence, intolerance and bigotry. The authenticity of the passage in question has been warmly contested among divines, and, though conceived to be of some value in establishing the doctrine of the trinity, has been given up by several of the orthodox. In the mean time Mr. Travis is unwilling to acknowledge either the fairness or sincerity of those, who have controverted his own opinion.

TRELAWNEY, sir Harry: a clergyman, and a baronet. This gentleman, touched with the
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true flame of religious zeal, has gone almost through every stage of theological opinion. From a methodist he became a Calvinistical dissenter; from a Calvinist a stern and rigid Socinian; and from a Socinian a clergyman of our established church, and a humble subscriber to the thirty-nine articles. About two months previously to this last gradation, sir Harry published a warm and spirited Letter upon the sin of subscription, addressed to the Reverend Francis Alcock.

TRIMMER . A devout lady, who has dedicated her slender talents to the instructing from the press the rising generation. Her works are, Sacred History in four volumes duodecimo; and a little Spelling Book, price sixpence.

TRUSLER, John: L. L. D. and a clergyman. An indefatigable and voluminous writer. He has published Chronology, or the Historian's Vade Mecum, which has appeared in various sizes, and last in two volumes duodecimo; Principles of Politeness, extracted from Lord Chesterfield's Letters, in duodecimo; an Account

count of the Islands lately Discovered in the South Sea in octavo; Practical Husbandry in duodecimo; the Important Matter of the Court Calendar selected; a View of the Law; the Sublime Reader; and Poetic Endings. He has also printed Sermons for the Use of the Clergy in imitation of hand-writing; and superintends a society, called the Literary Society, who offer to print the works of very fine geniusses logographically for nothing.

TUCKER, Josiah: D. D. dean of Gloucester. He published in 1751 Reflexions on Naturalization; in 1753 the Expediency of Opening the Trade to Turkey, price three-pence; and in 1763 Thoughts on Free Will, Fore-Knowledge and Fate in octavo. His later productions have been an Apology for the Church of England; a Letter to Doctor Kippis on Subscription; a View of the Trinitarian, Arian, and Socinian Systems; a volume of Sermons; Five Tracts, and some smaller pieces on the American War; *Cui Bono*, an essay on the same subject; Thoughts on the Low Price of Wool; a Treatise on Government in reply to Mr. Locke; Four Letters

on Important National Subjects; and an Essay on the Commercial Arrangement between Great Britain and Ireland. Doctor Tucker has displayed so much boldness and spirit as a political writer, that he was for some time generally treated as a madman. But his early argument in favour of a separation from America, and his reasonings to shew, that no material disadvantage would arise from it, have been so far confirmed by experience, and his principles in favour of free trade so naturally approve themselves to an unbiaſſed mind, that he is not at this time destitute of a numerous class of admirers.

TURNER, Daniel: A. M. a dissenting clergyman at Woolwich in Kent. He has published a Compendium of Social Religion in duodecimo; Meditations on Select Portions of Scripture in duodecimo; Dissertations on Natural and Revealed Religion in duodecimo; Letters for the Entertainment of Young Persons in duodecimo; and Sermons, in which the Form of an Oration is attempted by a Concealment of the Method, in one volume octavo.

Twiss, Richard. He published in 1775 *Travels through Portugal and Spain* in one volume quarto; in 1776 a *Tour in Ireland* in one volume octavo; and in 1787 a *Miscellaneous volume upon the Game of Chess*. Mr. Twiss, though not deficient in ingenuity and good sense, belongs to the class of *petits maitres* in literature; and it was owing to this circumstance, that his first performance afforded occasion to an elegant and spirited poetical satire, entitled an *Epistle from Donna Anna Theresa Isabella Y Ruiz to Richard Twiss Esquire*.

TYTLER, Alexander: professor of universal history in the university of Edinburgh. This gentleman distinguished himself with reputation in the controversy in favour of the innocence of Mary queen of Scots. He also published in 1783 a *Syllabus of his Lectures on Universal History* in one volume octavo; and in 1784 was the first person in these islands, who adventured in an air balloon, though, for want of being able to afford the expence, he only sailed over two barns and a stable.

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VAUGHAN, Thomas. Author of the *Hotel*, a farce ; and some prologues and epilogues.

VALLANCEY, Charles : a lieutenant colonel in the army, and major and director of the corps of engineers for the kingdom of Ireland. This gentleman has taken much pains in the investigation of the Irish antiquities ; and has published a *Grammar of the Ancient Irish Language* ; and the *Field Engineer* in one volume octavo.

VENN, Henry : a methodistical clergyman. He has published the *Complete Duty of Man* in octavo ; *Mistakes of Religion Expounded* in duodecimo ; an *Answer to Doctor Priestley on the Lord's Supper* ; and several single sermons.

VYSE, Charles. A schoolmaster, and author of some school books of considerable reputation : the *Tutor's Guide to Arithmetic* in duodecimo ; a *Geographical Grammar* in duodecimo, and the *New London Spelling Book*.

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WAKEFIELD, Gilbert : formerly a fellow of Jesus College Cambridge, and afterwards one of the conductors of a dissenting academy at Warrington in the county of Lancaster. He translated Gray's Elegy into Latin; and produced other pieces in that language, which appeared in 1777 under the title of Poemata. He has also written a Translation of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians; a Translation of the Gospel according to St. Matthew; an Essay on Inspiration; an Essay on Baptism; and the first volume in octavo of an Enquiry into the Opinions of the Three First Centuries concerning the Person of Jesus Christ.

WALBECK, William. He has translated the Life of Don Quixote from the French of Mr. St. Florian; and written some other pieces, which are nearly forgotten.

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WALDRON, Thomas : an inferior actor of Drury-lane theatre, and occasionally the double of Mr. Parsons. He has published an edition of the Pastoral Drama of the Sad Shepherd by Ben Jonson, in one volume octavo, and appears by no means deficient in that sort of industry, which leads a man to peruse all such writers as were never read.

WALEs, William : a clergyman, master of mathematics to Christ's (the Blue Coat) Hospital, and F. R. S. He has written an Ode to Mr. Pitt, published in 1762 ; Observations in a Voyage round the World in one volume quarto ; Remarks on Foster's Account of Cook's Voyages ; and an Essay on the Population of England and Wales.

WALKER, George : F. R. S. a dissenting clergyman of the town of Nottingham. He has published two Fast Sermons during the late war ; a Speech delivered at the Meeting of the Freeholders of the County of Nottingham in 1780 ; and a Treatise on the Doctrine of the Sphere in quarto. It is almost peculiar to this gentleman,

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to unite great mathematical knowledge, with a warm and beautiful, but uncurbed imagination.

WALKER, James : a Roman Catholic, and an instructor of ladies and gentlemen in the art of speaking. He has written an English Dictionary in octavo ; Exercises in Elocution, in duodecimo ; Elements of Elocution in two volumes octavo ; Hints for Improving the Art of Reading in duodecimo ; and a Rhetorical Grammar in duodecimo.

WALKER, Joseph : a native of Ireland, and author of Historical Memoirs of the Irish Bards in one volume quarto.

WALLACE, George. He has published the first volume in folio of a System of the Principles of the Law of Scotland ; and a Treatise on the Feudal Tenures in one volume quarto.

WALLACE, lady : a lady of the kingdom of Scotland, daughter to sir William Maxwell baronet, and sister to her grace the duchess of Gordon. She married sir James Wallace, knight,

knight, and captain in the navy, and obtained a divorce from him in conformity to the laws of Scotland upon the plea of ill treatment. She has published a Translation of *Ruse contre Ruse*, a dramatic piece from the French of Dumaniant, under the title of Diamond cut Diamond, which was also translated under another appellation by Mrs. Inchbald. Lady Wallace has farther written a Letter to a Friend, accompanied with the Ghost of Werter a poem ; and the Ton, a comedy that was damned.

WALPOLE, Horace : the youngest son of the celebrated sir Robert Walpole earl of Oxford, and usher of the receipt of his majesty's Exchequer. This gentleman devoted himself to the pursuits of retirement and literature, and now resides in an advanced age at Twickenham in the county of Middlesex. He published in 1758 a Catalogue of Royal and Noble Authors of Great Britain in two volumes duodecimo; in 1764 a Catalogue of Engravers; and the Castle of Otranto, a Historical Romance, in duodecimo; in 1768 Historical Doubts respecting the Character and Reign of King Richard the Third; and

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in 1773 the two first numbers of *Miscellaneous Antiquities*. Mr. Walpole also published at his press at Strawberry Hill, an edition of the *Memoires du Comte de Grammont*; and the *Anecdotes of Painting in England*, written by Mr. George Vertue, in four volumes quarto; and contributed some of the most admired papers to a periodical publication, intitled the *World*. The last performance of Mr. Walpole is the *Mysterious Mother*, a tragedy never performed, nor indeed published, though some copies have been made at the author's private press. He is a writer of considerable elegance, ingenuity and invention. In the affair of Chatterton he was exposed to some blame, without perhaps having greatly deserved it, upon account of his not having patronized that unfortunate young man. But it must perhaps be acknowledged, that an acute and refined sensibility is not the strong side of Mr. Walpole's character.

WARD, John : a dissenting clergyman. Author of *Dissertations on several Passages of Scripture* in two volumes duodecimo, to some of which

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which an answer was published by doctor Nathaniel Lardner.

WARING, Edward : M. D. F. R. S. and professor of mathematics in the university of Cambridge. He has published *Proprietates Algebraicarum Curvarum*; and *Meditationes Analyticæ* in one volume quarto.

WARNER, Joseph : F. R. S. and surgeon to Guy's Hospital in the borough of Southwark. He has published *Cases in Surgery*; a *Treatise on the Diseases of the Eye*; and an *Account of the Testicles*.

WARRINGTON, William : a clergyman, chaplain to the earl of Besborough, and author of a *History of Wales* in one volume quarto.

WARTON, Joseph : D. D. F. R. S. and master of Winchester school. He has written the *Enthusiast, or the Lover of Nature*, and some other poems; a *Translation of the Æneid of Virgil*; and an *Essay on the Writings and Genius of Pope* in two volumes octavo.

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WARTON, Thomas : D. D. Camden professor of history in the university of Oxford, and poet laureat to his majesty. He has published an edition of Theocritus with notes ; an edition of the Paradise Regained and Miscellaneous Poems of Milton in one volume octavo ; Observations on the Fairy Queen in one volume octavo ; the History of English Poetry in three volumes quarto ; an Enquiry into the Authenticity of Rowley's Poems ; and a Specimen of a History of Oxfordshire.

WARWICK, Thomas : a clergyman. He published the Rights of Sovereignty Asserted, an ode upon occasion of the American war ; Sonnets, and other Poems ; and Edwy, a tragedy never performed. The compositions of Mr. Warwick are not destitute of poetical merit, and are characterized by that species of style, which affords the strongest evidence of original thinking.

WASHINGTON, George : late commander in chief of the American army, and president of the general congress. He published a journal of an expedition

expedition conducted by him in 1755 to the river Ohio; and a much admired Letter to the United States of America, upon his laying down his office of commander in chief.

WATSON, Richard : D.D. F.R.S. lord bishop of Landaff, archdeacon of Ely, and regius professor of divinity in the university of Cambridge. This gentleman was first professor of chemistry in the university of Cambridge, and exchanged that office for his present professorship in 1771. It was his capacity of chemical professor, that led him to the composition of those Chemical Essays which he afterwards published in 1781, and the following years in five volumes duodecimo, and which have been greatly applauded. But he first became known beyond the limits of his own university by the publication of two sermons, the first entitled the Principles of the Revolution Vindicated, and preached on the twenty-ninth of May 1776 ; and the second preached on the Anniversary of his Majesty's Accession in the same year. These sermons were the subject of much commendation on one side, and bitter recrimination on the other, according to the sentiments of
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their respective readers. Doctor Watson also published at that time an Apology for Christianity, addressed to Mr. Gibbon, which, of all the answers to the attack of that gentleman, was the most liberal, the most elegant, and perhaps the most forcible. A Fast Sermon preached by our author in 1780, was also much admired; and in the same year he published a Discourse, Addressed by him to the Clergy of Ely, in his capacity of archdeacon. The reward of the services doctor Watson had contributed to the whig cause, was his appointment, under the administration of the marquis of Lansdown in the year 1782, to the bishopric of Landaff. Immediately upon his accession to this see, his lordship published a Letter to the Archbishop of Canterbury, recommending a new disposition of the church revenues, by which the bishoprics should be rendered equal in value to each other, and the poorer livings be so far increased in income, by a proportionate deduction from the richer endowments, as to render them the source of a decent competence. The later publications of doctor Watson have been a Sermon Preached before the House of Lords on
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the thirtieth of January 1784; and a compilation of Theological Tracts in six volumes octavo.

The same kind of animadversion, with which doctor Watson commenced the career of promotion, has in some degree followed him through life. The character of a reformer ought undoubtedly to be fearless, superior to the threats of power, and the allurements of emolument; and this character, in the opinion of his friends, the bishop of Landaff has uniformly maintained. By his adversaries it is asserted, that he is not a stranger to the pride of rank, that he is not deaf to the whispers of ambition, and that he is not insensible to the mortification of disappointment. It was perhaps an unfortunate coincidence of circumstances, that obliged his lordship to oppose the commercial treaty concluded by Mr. Pitt in 1786, in the same moment that Mr. Pitt's preceptor, doctor Pretyman, was elevated to the see of Lincoln. By the enemies of the bishop at least, this was embraced as a topic of satire. But, if partiality be ridiculous, when it shuts its eyes upon the evidence of facts, it is however to be remembered in his lordship's favour,

your, that the character of a reformer is not less arduous, than honourable. There is a numerous class of mankind, the friends of established error, who are ready to seize with eagerness every opportunity, to increase the difficulties of so noble a pursuit. It therefore becomes the friends of unpopular truth, to guard themselves against their insinuations, and not lightly and capriciously to give up a character, merely because it is exposed to the shafts of malevolence.—
 Doctor Watson obtained in 1786, a fortune of 20,000*l.* under the will of his friend and pupil Mr. John Luther of Ongar in the county of Essex.

WEBB, Francis : formerly an anabaptist clergyman. He has published Sermons in four volumes duodecimo.

WEDGWOOD, Josiah : the proprietor of a very extensive pottery in the county of Stafford, and the inventor of a species of earthen ware, in which he has copied, with great accuracy and beauty, many of the medals, busts, and statues of antiquity. He was very actively concerned
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in opposing the twenty commercial propositions with Ireland in 1785; and in supporting the commercial treaty with France of the following year. He has published a pamphlet, entitled *Address to the Workmen in the Pottery*; and has been concerned in two or three prolix newspaper controversies.

WESLEY, John: A. M. He is the son of a very ingenious clergyman, a Mr. Samuel Wesley of the county of Devon. Mr. John Wesley commenced his career, as the leader of a sect of religionists, in the year 1727. An enumeration of his works since that time, would be much too extensive for the bounds it would be proper to assign to an article in this catalogue. His *Complete Body of Divinity*, extracted and abridged from various authors, consists, if we remember, of fifty volumes in octavo; and his other publications are not less voluminous. Those which are best known are, a *Commentary on the Bible* in twelve volumes quarto; a *Journal of his Labours for the Conversion of Sinners* in three volumes duodecimo; *Free Thoughts on the State of Public Affairs during the business*
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of Mr. Wilkes; a Calm Address to the American Colonies respecting the Civil War; Primitive Physic in one volume duodecimo; and a History of England, chiefly taken from doctor Goldsmith's history, but interspersed with proper notices of divine providence, in four volumes duodecimo. Mr. Wesley has also written several pamphlets on Liberty, Slavery, Necessity, Predestination, the Trinity, Original Sin, Imputed Righteousness, and Irresistible Grace. The labours of this celebrated man are truly extraordinary; and the discipline of his sect constitutes a complete system of policy. Every hour of his day from four or five o'clock in the morning, is completely distributed, and often includes the preaching four sermons, besides the giving audience to the different classes of his followers, who attend him at stated hours. His preachers reside in different towns of the kingdom, and leave those towns exactly according to his direction. His hearers make confession of their own sins and miscarriages, and report those of their neighbours of the same religion, at uniform and short distances. These reports indeed are not, and cannot be, all heard by the

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leader in person ; but all the circumstances of the report are conveyed to him through regular and constant mediums. And the labours we have described are not relaxed, though the great leader of the sect be more than eighty-four years of age. Thus the discipline of this party of methodists will scarcely yield in comparison to that of the Jesuits in Paraguay ; with this additional circumstance, that the Jesuits formed their subjects into a distinct community, while Mr. Wesley has maintained the constitution he has established, among a people, scattered through every part of a great, a powerful, and a luxurious nation.

WHALLEY, Peter Sedgwick : a clergyman, and the intimate friend of Miss Anna Seward. He has published *Verses Addressed to Mrs. Siddons ; Verses Vindicating Miss Seward from the Malignity of the Reviewers ;* and several other poetical pieces.

WHITAKER, John : B. D. rector of Ruan Lanyhorne in the county of Cornwall. He has published a *History of Manchester* in two vo-

lumes quarto ; and the Genuine History of the Britons Asserted in one volume octavo. The history of Manchester is full of digression and learned disquisition upon topics, which do not properly belong to the subject, but has been greatly admired for its ingenuity and acuteness. What is still more extraordinary, it is considered as a work of elegance and imagination. Mr. Whitaker published in 1783 Sermons on Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell in one volume duodecimo ; in which a new style of rhetoric is attempted, and the author has professed to intend to rouse the imagination by the minuteness of his descriptions. In 1787, Mr. Whitaker closed the controversy, at least for the present, respecting the innocence of Mary, queen of Scots, by a Vindication of that princess in three volumes octavo. Though he had been preceded on the same side of the question by the researches of Mr. Goodal, the acuteness of Mr. Tytler, and above all the genius of doctor Gilbert Stuart, he is said to have discovered some new materials for the defence of his heroine. He has certainly exceeded all the writers who went before him in the eloquence of his epithets, since there

there is hardly a page of his work where Elizabeth is not treated with the style of “an infernal wretch,” and “a devil incarnate.”

WHITE, Joseph : D. D. Laudian professor of Arabic in the university of Oxford, and prebendary of Gloucester. He published in 1776 *De Utilitate Linguae Arabicæ in Studitis Theologicis Oratio* ; and in 1779 a Sermon on the Revival of the English Translation of the Old Testament ; and an edition, in one volume quarto, of the Syriac Philoxenian Version of the Four Gospels. In 1783 doctor White presented the world with an edition of the Civil and Military Institutes of Tamerlane in one volume quarto ; and in 1785 with a volume of Sermons Preached at Bampton's Lecture in Oxford upon the Comparative Evidences of Mahometanism and Christianity. The learning of doctor White was made known to the world by his former publications ; but his genius, and the eloquence and energy of his style were first established by his Sermons on Mahometanism. He is said to be at this time engaged in a History of Egypt.

WHITEFOORD, Caleb : F. R. S. late secretary to the embassy of Mr. Fitzherbert to the court of France for the purpose of negotiating the peace of 1783. Mr. Whitefoord has some character as a man of wit, and was the original inventor of Cross Readings from the Newspapers, specimens of which are preserved in Mr. Debrett's Foundling Hospital for Wit.

WIGHT, Alexander : an advocate of the kingdom of Scotland. He published in 1775 a Treatise on the Representatives of Scotland in one volume octavo; and in 1785 a larger work upon the same subject in one volume quarto.

WILKES, John : M. P. F. R. S. an alderman and chamberlain of the city of London. This gentleman was first introduced to public notice under the patronage of Richard, late earl Temple, and was for some time colonel of the Buckinghamshire militia. Ruined with respect to fortune, he commenced a political writer against the administration of the earl of Bute, and instituted a periodical paper, entitled the North Briton, which was afterwards collected in two volumes

volumes duodecimo. For the forty-fifth number of this paper, in which a speech of the king at the close of a session of parliament, was very freely discussed, Mr. Wilkes was prosecuted by the administration of Mr. George Grenville; and the Essay on Woman, a licentious and obscene composition, of which a few copies had been privately printed, but which was never intended for the public eye, being at this time discovered, he was expelled the house of commons, obliged to fly the kingdom, and declared an outlaw. The friends to whom Mr. Wilkes had been introduced by earl Temple were, among others, the duke of Grafton, the earls of Chatham and Sandwich, and lord Le Despencer; and Mr. Wilkes was not sparing of his invective against these noblemen, for having deserted him in so critical a situation. He was followed in exile by his friend the celebrated Charles Churchill, who died during this journey. Mr. Wilkes also commenced during his residence in France, an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Andrew Baxter, author of the Enquiry into the Nature of the Human Soul, who professes, in a dedication to a third volume of that work, to have derived great information in the most abstruse points of me-

taphysical controversy from the conversations of his friend. In the affair of his banishment, Mr. Wilkes was the occasion of bringing into question the business of general warrants, and of ultimately gaining an important point in favour of the popular part of our constitution. Having suddenly returned to England at the time of the general election in 1768, it was again his fortune to involve the country in a great constitutional question respecting the right of election. Mr. Wilkes was an unsuccessful candidate to represent the city of London, but was immediately after elected by the freeholders of the county of Middlesex. By the absurd policy of administration, he was three times expelled from the house of commons, and being as often re-elected by the county, they thought proper finally to accept a candidate, whose number of votes fell short of those of Mr. Wilkes in the proportion of near five to one. The publications of this celebrated politician, beside those we have mentioned, have been principally an Introduction to a History of England, written in 1768; and Speeches delivered in the House of Commons in three volumes duodecimo.

WILKINS, Charles : a servant of the East India Company, and translator of the Bhagvat Geeta, or Dialogues of Kreesna and Arjoon.

WILLIAMS, David : formerly a dissenting clergyman, but who instituted in the year 1776, a place of worship for persons of the deistical persuasion, in Margaret Street, Cavendish Square. He has published Sermons on Religious Hypocrisy in two volumes duodecimo ; Essays on Public Worship, intended to prove that the peculiarities of every species of religion ought to be proscribed ; a Letter to Mr. Garrick ; a Treatise on Education in one volume duodecimo ; a Liturgy for the Chapel in Margaret Street ; a Letter to Protestant Dissenters, upon the impropriety of the political conduct of their body ; and Lectures on Religion and Morality in two volumes quarto.

WILLIAMS, Helen Maria : a lady, who has acquired some reputation by her poetical performances. She published in 1782 Edwin and Eltruda, a legendary tale, with a preface by doctor Andrew Kippis ; in 1783 an Ode on the Peace, and in 1784 Peru, a poem. Miss Wil-

liams collected these performances, and published them by subscription in 1785, together with several original poems, in two volumes duodecimo. The most considerable of the latter description are an Epistle to doctor Moore, the author of the travels; and a Fragment found in a Dark Passage of the Tower. This, which is the most excellent of her performances, is written in the Pindaric measure of Dryden and Cowley, and bears strong marks of enthusiasm and imagination.

WILLIAMS, John: L.L.D. a dissenting clergyman. He has published an Argument against the Authenticity of the Two First Chapters of the Gospel according to St. Matthew; Thoughts on Subscription to the Thirty Nine Articles; and a Concordance to the Greek Testament, in one volume quarto.

WILLIAMSON, : late a captain in the Essex militia. He is the supposed author of a successful imitation of Swift, entitled Advice to Officers, and published in 1782; and was for some time editor of the newspaper, called the Morning Post.

WITHERSPOON, John : D. D. president of a college at Prince Town in New Jersey. He was first a clergyman of the church of Scotland, and lately chaplain to the general congress of America. While he resided in the former of these countries, he published a Vindication of the Doctrine of Imputed Righteousness ; Characteristics, being a satire upon certain ecclesiastical practices of the kingdom of Scotland ; and some other pieces ; all of which he collected in three volumes duodecimo, under the title of Essays on Important Subjects. He has also published Sermons in two volumes duodecimo, and his Fast Sermons during the civil war, some of which found their way to the press, were distinguished by their zeal for the republican cause.

WODHUL, . He has published a translation of the Tragedies of Euripides in four volumes octavo.

WOIDE, Charles Godfrey : D. D. L. L. D. F. R. S. assistant librarian to the British Museum, preacher to the Dutch Chapel in the Middle Court. He has published *Grammatica Ægyptica* ;
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WOLLASTON, Francis : L. L. D. F. R. S. precentor of the diocese of St. David's, and rector of the parish of St. Mary's, Aldermary, London. This gentleman, who is the younger son of the celebrated William Wollaston, author of the *Religion of Nature delineated*, published in 1773 and 1774 two small pamphlets, entitled an *Address to the Clergy on Subscription* ; and *Queries Relating to the Book of Common Prayer*. The family seat of Mr. William Wollaston is at Finborough in the county of Suffolk.

WOOD, William : a dissenting clergyman. He has published *Sermons on Social Life* in one volume duodecimo.

WOODFALL, Henry : son of the printer of the *Morning Chronicle*, and author of some prologues and epilogues.

WOODFALL, Henry Sampson : the printer and supposed editor of the newspaper called the
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Public Advertiser. He is the brother of Mr. William Woodfall.

WOODFALL, William : the printer and supposed editor of the Morning Chronicle. This gentleman is remarkable for the extreme tenaciousness of his memory, and has rendered great service to the future historians of this country, by his copious and accurate reports of debates in the house of commons. Mr. Woodfall published in 1785 in a separate pamphlet, the Debates of the Irish Parliament upon the Rejection of the Twenty Commercial Propositions.

WOODWARD, Richard : D. D. bishop of Cloyne, in the kingdom of Ireland, and nephew of doctor Josiah Tucker, dean of Gloucester. He published in 1778 a pamphlet upon the subject of the insurrections in Munster, entitled, the Present State of the Church of Ireland Considered, and not less remarkable for the beauty of its composition, than the fallaciousness of its arguments.

WOOLCOT, : M. D. a gentleman of Devonshire, who resided some years since as a practitioner

practitioner of phyfic in the ifland of Jamaica. The public are indebted to him for the talents in the art of painting, whatever they may be, of Mr. John Opie, his countryman, who was lately elected one of the forty members of the royal academy, and who was firft encouraged to defer his trade as a carpenter, and to truft for his future fortune to the effort of his intellectual abilities, by doctor Woolcot. The works by which our author has become known to the world, are of the poetical kind, and have been publifhed under the fictitious appellation of Peter Pindar. They confift of an annual feries of Odes to the Royal Academicians, the firft number of which appeared in 1782; the Loufiad, a mock-heroic poem, of which two cantos have been publifhed; an Epiftle to Mr. Bofwell; Bozzy and Piozzi, a poetical eclogue; Ode upon Ode; and Inftuctions to a celebrated Laureat. Thefe performances are diftinguifhed by a fpecies of humour, which, though not elegant and tafteful, is not deftitute of nature, and is irrefiftible in its power of exciting gaiety and laughter. The ferious performances of doctor Woolcot, which confift chiefly of fongs, have alfo obtained him

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some applause, but perhaps without sufficient reason. As the great object of his satire has been the respectable personage that fills the throne of Great Britain, it has lately been rumoured, that this Cerberus has been silenced with a pension.

WORSLEY, sir Richard : F. R. S. and a baronet, late comptroller of the household to his majesty, and who made a considerable figure some years ago in an action of divorce brought by him against his lady. His name is affixed to a history of the Isle of Wight, published in 1787 in one volume quarto.

WORTHINGTON, Hugh : a dissenting clergyman. He has published two or three single sermons, and a small Essay on the Resolution of Plane Triangles.

WRAXAL, Nathaniel William : M. P. He published in 1775, a Tour through Copenhagen, &c. in one volume octavo ; and in 1777, Memoirs of the Kings of France of the Race of Valois in two volumes octavo. A pamphlet, which appeared in the beginning of the year

1787, entitled a Short Review of the Political State of Great Britain, and which obtained a considerable share of popularity, was also by several persons ascribed to Mr. Wraxal.

WRIGHT, George : a methodistical dissenter. He has written the Rural Christian in one volume duodecimo ; Dear Variety in one volume duodecimo ; and some hundreds of Letters, under the signature of Bob Short, in the daily papers.

WYNDHAM, Henry Penruddock. He published in 1782 a Tour through Monmouthshire and Wales in one volume quarto ; and was the editor in 1784 of the celebrated Diary of Dodington Lord Melcombe.

WYVIL, Christopher : a clergyman of the county of York, and chairman of the committee of association for obtaining a parliamentary reform. He published in 1774 a pamphlet entitled, Thoughts on the Articles of our Religion ; and in 1784, an Address to the Committee of Association for Belfast in the Kingdom of Ireland.

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YOUNG, Arthur : a gentleman of fortune, who has applied the whole effort of his faculties to the improvement of agriculture. He has published a Farmer's Letter to the Landlords of Great Britain in two volumes octavo ; a Tour through the Southern Counties of England and Wales in one volume octavo ; a Tour through the North of England in four volumes octavo ; through the East of England in four volumes octavo ; a pamphlet on Political Arithmetic ; a pamphlet on the Management of Hogs ; Rural Oeconomy in one volume octavo ; the Farmer's Guide in two volumes octavo ; and a Course of Experimental Agriculture in two volumes quarto.

YOUNG, William : M. P. son of sir William Young baronet, one of the principal proprietors in the British West-India islands. He published in 1777 the Spirit of Athens in one volume octavo ; and in 1786 the same work considerably enlarged, under the title of the History of Athens, in one volume quarto. The style of
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his compositions is incorrect, complicated, and uncouth ; but it is every where full of imagination, reflexion, and vigour. Mr. Young in the above performances has appeared both the most consistent and the most formidable advocate for republican principles, that modern times have produced. It has been whispered by his enemies, that his parliamentary conduct has not been equally fraught with the generous and unaccommodating sentiments of liberty. Mr. Young published in 1788, a pamphlet upon Mr. Gilbert's intended Bill for the Reform of the Poor Laws.

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ZOUCH, Henry : one of his majestys justices of the peace. He has published two or three sixpenny pamphlets, a Few Words in Behalf of the Poor ; Remarks on the Proposed Changes of the Poor Laws ; and Observations on a Bill to Punish by Imprisonment and Hard Labour Certain Offenders.

